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from the helm

Dear Fellow Clearwater members,

It's time to mobilize again.

It's time to lead the way to a new paradigm, just like we did when we built the sloop *Clearwater* forty years ago to clean up the Hudson River.

People thought that was a pipe dream; they thought we could never clean up the Hudson, that we could never reclaim our waterfronts from the industries that held them hostage and that people would never again value this beautiful river and the meaning it brings to our lives. But we led the way and just look at the Hudson River today!

When we built the sloop it took two years to get the grassroots members to raise enough money and good will to attract the larger donors and foundation support we needed to finish the boat. Now we have to raise the money and good will that Clearwater needs to build something even bigger than the sloop, now we must build the bridge to the future... a future that is as bright for the children of today as ours was for us.

In my song, *How Are We Gonna Save Tomorrow?* I ask, how are we going to save tomorrow? The answer? We're going to do it by creating the Next Generation of Environmental Leaders.

Clearwater's Next Generation Project will use our festivals, our music, our sloop and a variety of new programs to grow green leaders, green jobs and green cities. The proposed Clearwater Center for Environmental Leadership in Beacon will house these efforts and combine the Social Justice and Environmental movements to train our children and young adults to pick up the mantle and become the next generation of green leaders.

We need to raise the money needed to relocate our headquarters and launch new school programs and summer camps

A New Voice on the Phone at Clearwater



Adrienne Pettit has joined the staff at Clearwater as Office Administrator and her voice will be the one you hear on the phone when you call our office these days.

Welcome Adrienne!

In Memory of Vic Schwarz

Remembering Clearwater's co-founder

Arnold Victor (Vic) Schwarz of Cold Spring, New York, passed away on Wednesday, September 3rd at Hudson Valley Hospital following a 14-year battle with cancer. He was 76 years old.

An accomplished musician, historian, and conservationist, Vic and longtime friend Pete Seeger collaborated to realize their vision of inspiring and mobilizing people to save the Hudson River from pollution and neglect. Their combined vision resulted in our wonderful sloop *Clearwater* and their activities to support her were the beginning of what are now known as Riverfests and are acknowledged by historians and conservationists as being the birth of the environmentalist movement in the United States, as well as inspiring similar projects around the world.

Vic's interest in bookmaking and printing led to his career as a book designer and hobby of wood engraving and printing. He owned and operated Mt. Taurus Press, a working restoration of a 19th century print shop in Nelsonville, New York, for over ten years. There he created a series of Hudson River prints that became classic representations of his work as an artist and a printmaker.

Vic returned to his musician-environmentalist roots with his active participation in the formation of the Little Stony Point Citizen's Association. This grass-roots organization of local people is dedicated to the preservation and care of Little Stony Point, one of the very few sandy beaches along the Hudson River. As president of the Association, one of his proudest achievements was pursuing and obtaining the funding necessary to replace the formerly condemned bridge, which was the only access to the site. The beach is now a very popular recreation area on the Hudson River.

When Vic was diagnosed with cancer in 1994, he decided to devote his time to what made him happiest so he established



from a wonderful property in Beacon. We need to raise the money and the awareness needed to bring our long dreamed of Homeport to the Beacon Harbor. And, finally, we must raise the money needed to include **all** the people of the Valley in our programs... especially our Cities.

I propose that every single one of us have a house party... Invite your friends for a good meal, show the Clearwater movie *'Til the River Runs Clear*, listen to some music and "pass the hat around" to raise some dollars and a lot of good will.

In 2009 Clearwater turns 40, I turn 90 and our Hudson Valley commemorates the 400th anniversary of our Native Americans discovering Henry Hudson. Now is the time to grow a more just, sustainable Hudson Valley. As you mobilize our grassroots, I will also contact well known musicians to join us...

Clearwater must speak for the people and from the people, join me in making this a reality. Hold a house party, make a difference.

—Pete Seeger



For more information about hosting a Clearwater house party see page 19.

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A child attending the Clearwater Festival at Croton Point Park gingerly holds a sea star that was part of the festival's Hudson River estuary display.

Photographer:
Chris Bowser



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Clearwater Finds Fertile Ground in Beacon

Organization Moving to 84-Acre former University Settlement Camp to create Next Generation of Environmental Leaders

By Steve Densmore

Pete Seeger talks a lot about the “sower of seeds” parable that describes the need to spread a lot of seeds around in order to realize the promise of the few that will someday sprout and nourish a multitude.

Hudson River Sloop Clearwater has always taken karmic cues from its legendary founder who relates how he launched the concept of America’s environmental flagship almost four decades ago with one “seven-page letter” and watched the seeds take hold with a committed group of budding environmentalists. So it’s not surprising that Clearwater vigorously set its sights upon transforming Beacon’s lush, 84-acre University Settlement Camp into the nonprofit’s new home earlier this year after the underutilized campus became available for lease.

“It’s fertile ground for us,” says Executive Director Jeff Rumpf confidently. “It allows us to launch a whole new generation of programs that will have a much bigger impact and complete the environmental leadership pipeline to youth.” More seeds, more hope for the future, he reasons.



New programs will expand, complement existing efforts

Rumpf believes the camp will allow Clearwater to offer new, innovative land-based educational programming that will complement its Classroom on the Waves, the signature boat-based program that inspires and educates over 12,000 Hudson Valley students each year. What’s more, he says, the property, which is amply dotted with buildings and parking and meeting spaces, will allow Clearwater to host gatherings of all types—whether they be educational, musical, or advocacy based. And, it will provide a long-sought base for the sloop’s seasonal but nomadic crew, enabling them for the first time to park their cars and shower and safely store their personal property in a secure setting.

Essentially, the new Executive Director points out, Beacon is the true home the organization has never had. The Fite House in Poughkeepsie has served the organization well these last 36 years, but it’s lack of space, inside and out, was constricting Clearwater in all the ways that Beacon is freeing.

Rumpf, the Clearwater staff and the Board of Directors are all clearly energized by the pending move following the recent vote by the Beacon City Council to grant Clearwater a long-term lease on the University Settlement Camp property. Clearwater’s financial commitment under the agreement will be to rehabilitate the historic White House—the campus’s expansive main building that will serve as Clearwater’s new administrative headquarters and base of operations.

Work Already Underway

Plans were underway quickly to apply volunteer sweat and expertise to carry out needed renovations to the White House and to prepare the grounds for new possibilities. In an example of a new partnership bearing fruit, almost 40 employees from the New York City office of Rodale Press—iconic publishers of *Prevention* and *Organic Gardening* magazines, among others—gathered in Beacon this



To left: Beacon Mayor Steve Gold addresses Clearwater’s members at Annual Gathering (photo by Dave Conover). Top: Clearwater staff outside of new office (photo by Brian Mohan).

inspiration

THE FUTURE STARTS NOW!

Annual Gathering Focuses on Green Cities, Green Jobs

Members endorse green jobs pipeline and move to Beacon at Annual Gathering

By Steve Densmore



Drizzly weather didn't dampen the spirits of nearly 300 Clearwater supporters and members who ventured down to the former University Settlement Camp in Beacon for Hudson River Sloop Clearwater's Annual Gathering this year.

Executive Director Jeff Rumpf unveiled plans for Clearwater's Center for Environmental Leadership and Justice, which were unanimously endorsed by those in attendance. The Center will further develop and advance the organization's legacy of environmental activism at a time of critical need. In particular, the center will create a green jobs pipeline for valley youth and build upon Clearwater's recent successes in mounting a legal challenge to the re-licensing of the Indian Point Nuclear Plant.

As part of the morning program, Beacon Mayor Steve Gold spoke on the need to fully develop the potential for "Green Cities" in the Hudson Valley. He supports initiatives that will encourage alternative technologies and adaptive re-use of the

Valley's urban infrastructure and pointed out that the City of Beacon is already a green cities model thanks to the Beacon Institute, Scenic Hudson's Long Dock project, the Beacon Sloop Club and Hudson River Sloop Clearwater.

Good food, good people, good fun

After a delicious potluck lunch, some members stayed to tour Clearwater's future campus while others ventured into the city for Spirit of Beacon festivities. Staff and family members represented Clearwater in the community parade, riding down Main Street in a miniature replica of the sloop!

The day's festivities ended back at the camp with the rousing tunes of the Muddy Bottom Stompers and a touching moment of silence to honor the memory of Vic Schwarz, who co-founded Clearwater with Peter Seeger almost 40 years ago.

summer for an old-fashioned "barn raising" at the new Clearwater compound.

Rodale Press' Director of Employee Health and Fitness Bud Coates was actually online earlier this year searching for a grassroots environmental organization—one their New York City-based employees could take under their collective wing and help out in some way—and Clearwater filled the bill perfectly. "Clearwater's doing the right thing and we want to support it," says Coates. Teams from Rodale's magazine division pitched in to help renovate the White House, revitalizing the facility's large institutional kitchen, restoring the fallow Victory Garden and creating a new organic garden that will someday grow food for Clearwater's crew and serve as a living classroom for sustainable agriculture. Rodale added a \$10,000 donation to help pay for supplies and materials.

Clearwater's pending move and several changes in the valley are leading to fruitful new partnerships for the organization, says Rumpf, pointing to Rodale Press and the recently-launched *Clearwater Moment* collaboration with public radio's WAMC of Albany. "The impact of this project is attracting a lot of funders that weren't interested previously," says Rumpf. "People are coming out of the woodwork to join us. They know that society needs to change and they recognize that lasting change will only come from the youth. And let's face it, nobody does hands-on environmental education better than Clearwater."

Clearwater's deserved reputation for sparking young minds and environmental activism wasn't lost on the City of Beacon's Mayor Steve Gold, who has worked tirelessly to bring Clearwater into his city since taking office on January 1 of this year. In fact, Mayor Gold describes bringing Clearwater into Beacon as one of his administration's top two priorities, believing it to be an

essential element in building Beacon's brand as "a city known for environmental education." Clearwater will join the Beacon Institute, Scenic Hudson's Long Dock development, and the Beacon Sloop Club in making the city an epicenter of environmental research, education and action.

And that, he says, will also be good for the city economically. "Along with the branding of Beacon as a city for environmental education, tourists, students, educators, and environmental devotees will come to sail on the *Clearwater* or visit its new campus and, along the way, they will be entering Beacon and contributing to our Main Street economic base," Gold points out.

Move completes circle for Clearwater and the Seegers

If all goes well, the organization could be fully ensconced in its spacious new home by early next year. And that sits well with Pete Seeger, who will turn 90 next year and wouldn't mind seeing the organization he launched in Beacon 40 years ago return to its roots in his backyard. In fact, back in the '50s, Pete and his wife, Toshi, lived at the University Settlement Camp and raised their children there, while Toshi's parents served as caretakers for the facility.

Many old time Clearwater folk say the move completes a circle, that it represents a homecoming at a time when the organization is ripe for transition. Pete just thinks it makes good sense. "It's wonderful. I think with more room lots of things can be done during the year that can't be done in the overcrowded Fite House. There can be gatherings there," he says. "I'm looking forward to Clearwater using the big house and the Beacon Sloop Club using the other building to store some of their stuff... they can't use our house forever!"

OVER 13,000 STUDENTS EACH YEAR AND COUNTING

Learn about the Hudson at Any Age

Clearwater reaches kids of all ages

By Dave Conover, Clearwater Education Director



Clearwater's "New Hudson River School" includes a wide range of programs designed to reach students of all ages.

Elementary students from Kindergarten - 5th grade can take part in our Tideline Discovery programs at Esopus Meadows in Ulster Park or at the Beacon waterfront. These programs get kids right down to the river where they seine for fish, do water testing, study invertebrates and learn through group games and music. There are more detailed versions for middle school, high school, and even college age students. Over 2,000 students participate in Tideline programs each year.

Sloop programs, adventure camps and teacher training

For older students, Clearwater's "Classroom of the Waves" programs on the sloop *Clearwater* and the schooner *Mystic Whaler* forms the core of our education outreach. One day we might be sailing with a group of fourth graders from Poughkeepsie and the next we might have a group of West Point cadets. The boat program is a combination of hands-on science, sailing, history and ecology with a bit of Hudson River music mixed in. Program topics can be customized to the needs of the group. Lessons on fisheries, climate change, energy, and pollution can be incorporated with geology, history and navigation. Over 13,000 students and teachers sail with us each year.

Special programs such as "Young Women at the Helm" give teenage girls from urban neighborhoods the chance to develop teambuilding and leadership skills while sailing on the sloop. We are in the process of developing a "Young Men at the Helm" program for teenage boys.

Clearwater also offers programs for teachers. We've partnered with SUNY New Paltz to provide "Hudson River Studies" a course designed to help teachers incorporate the Hudson River into their curriculum. We visit classrooms, do public education at festivals, and offer lesson plans and Hudson River resources.

Coming Up: Camp Clearwater

What's in the future? Keep an eye out for "Camp Clearwater," an adventure camp program that will extend our hands-on programming with camping, hiking and small boat excursions via kayak and canoe.

All of our efforts are developed with one goal in mind: to create the next generation of environmental leaders by providing kids with opportunities to learn first hand about the Hudson and develop a sense of responsibility for the environment.

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To left: Karline Faustin climbs Clearwater's rigging during Young Women at the Helm 2008 (photo by Brian Mohan).





Brian Mohan



Species Profile: The Hogchoker (*Trinectes maculatus*)

By Dave Conover, Clearwater Education Director

Perhaps the most engaging fish that we encounter on the *Clearwater* is the hogchoker, a small flatfish well suited for life in the brackish water of the Hudson. Hogchokers are the unofficial mascot of the sloop because they're so popular with the kids who sail with us.

We affectionately call hogchokers the "sole of the Hudson" since they're members of the sole family and because we find them throughout the Hudson estuary. Like other flatfish, the hogchoker's eyes move to one side of its head when they are larvae (their right side as it turns out, unlike fluke which are lefties). Many people are surprised to learn that a species of flatfish even lives in the river, primarily because hogchokers are small and caught almost exclusively with nets, not hooks.

Hogchokers are known for their copious slime, which protects the fish skin, and delights our students. They live on the river bottom, eating small worms and crustaceans. These fish can tolerate a wide range of salinities and they can remain out of the water for extended periods of time. I once found a hogchoker that had somehow slipped out of our net and got stuck to the side of the boat unnoticed until the next day. When I discovered the poor fish I quickly peeled it from the hull and immediately put it in

a fish tank where it casually swam to the bottom as if nothing had happened.

Their unusual name is allegedly attributed to fishermen who would catch hogchokers in their nets but found little use for them because of their small size. Often the fish would be discarded on the beach, where scavenging pigs would find and eat them. Hogchokers have small, hard scales that have a definite grain to them. As any child who has sailed on the *Clearwater* could tell you, if you pet the fish from head to tail the scales stay flat and the fish is slippery but if a hogchoker is rubbed from tail to head, the scales stick up. Any unfortunate pig that swallowed a hogchoker in the wrong direction would get it caught in their throats.

Hogchokers spawn in the estuary in the late spring and into the summer. A single female may produce over 50,000 eggs. A recent study sponsored by Riverkeeper has shown, however, that the hogchoker is on a list of Hudson River fish species whose numbers are declining. The cause is likely a combination of factors, including power plant water withdrawals, climate change (the Hudson has warmed 3.6 °F since the 1960s), and pollution, but we don't really know. What we do know is that the Hudson would be diminished if it lost its sole.



Young Women at the Helm – Class of 2008!

Brian Mohan

Unique Program Transforms Young Women into Leaders

Young Women at the Helm provides unique leadership and learning opportunities for girls ages 15-20

By Maija Niemisto, Onboard Educator



Young Women at the Helm, one of Clearwater's signature youth programs, immerses 20 young women, ages 15-20, in an intensive summer program where they learn leadership skills and teamwork, overcome obstacles and experience life on a the river; all with the goal of helping them to build self-confidence, to expand their knowledge of themselves and to realize the power of hands-on life experiences.

Academic and Physical Skills Used

YWH uses a rigorous academic and physical program that ultimately transforms its participants from the young girls who arrive as tentative and shy individuals to strong, confident young women ready to expand their expectations of themselves and others.

The young women enthusiastically throw themselves into lessons in river history, ecology, navigation, natural resources and life aboard a tall ship. They also excelled in physical challenges such as handling dock lines, deploying and retrieving our fishing net, raising the 3,000 pound mainsail and rowing our small boat along the

banks of the Hudson. One of their greatest thrills was the chance to climb 50 feet up into the rigging while we sailed across the sparkling waters.

Each night as they camped along the river the young women participated in nature walks, singing songs of the Hudson Valley and Native American story telling and dance. For Ye Liu, one of her "most inspiring memories was sharing our goals and thoughts in Jennifer Lee's wigwam... I felt their strength as they spoke, and my own inner strength grew, too."

Personal transformations and new friendships

These three days were incredibly transformative for both the participants and the sloop *Clearwater* crew. We learned as much from the lives and perspectives of these twenty girls as they did from each other and the inspirational women who spoke to them about nontraditional jobs, personal power and nature. According to YWH participant Anna Meyer, "It most definitely made me grow and gain confidence... by teaching me how to be a leader and to never quit, to always keep going even when it's tough."

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Scholarship Delivers Lasting Impact for Underserved Students

Christopher Stutler Scholarship provides hands-on teaching opportunities for future environmental leaders

By Brian Mohan, Onboard Educator



Each year one student at Croton-Harmon High School is selected as Clearwater's Christopher Stutler Scholar to work in close contact with a class of excited fifth-graders that would otherwise not be able to receive Clearwater education offerings. The Scholar is selected by teachers at the high school based on criteria including interest in the environment and education as a possible career choice.

Greg Haber, this year's Scholar and a senior at Croton-Harmon High School taught three school sessions with the fifth grade at Yonkers PS 5 on the Hudson River and its aquatic inhabitants. Greg's extensive knowledge of the Hudson Valley's reptiles added a new dimension to the classroom visits.

When Greg brought a white pail of Hudson River fish to a Yonkers Public School 5 classroom, a wonderful air of excitement filled the air. "I touched a hogchoker and it was FUN!" said one fifth grader. Other students commented, "This eel feels like soap," and "I love these fishys!"

The program culminated with the underserved fifth graders treated to a three-hour Classroom of the Waves sail from the nearby Yonkers Pier; with Greg taking over the Educator duties for the trip.

Giving a scholarship like this has multiple benefits: the younger students get to sail on a river that they see everyday from the windows of their school but otherwise might not have a chance to experience in such immediate way, and it allows an older student to



Above, Greg Haber, Clearwater's 2008 Stutler Scholar, leads a program at PS 5 in Yonkers. (Photo by Brian Mohan)



explore future green job opportunities like sailing and environmental education.

The Christopher Stutler Scholarship program was founded in memory of Christopher Stutler; a Croton-Harmon alumnus whose passion and thirst for knowledge about the Hudson led his parents to establish this program after his untimely death. Each year the scholarship recipient joins the crew on sloop *Clearwater* for a full week of sailing as an education intern after which he or she spends three full days leading assemblies and teaching in an inner-city school. The program culminates with a three-hour sail on the *Clearwater*, all at no cost to the students or school.

If you'd like to contribute to the Christopher Stutler Scholarship Fund or establish a similar program of your own, please contact Christine Kane at 845-454-7673, ext. 118 or christine@clearwater.org.

Left: School children working at one of the learning stations onboard Clearwater. (Photo by Dave Conover)

Young Women at the Helm (continued from page 8)

This is the eighth year of the program and Captain Samantha Heyman, one of the program's founders was on board to lead this year's session and her presence proved to be a huge success. As Ye Liu said, "Captain Samantha was my favorite. She really showed me that we should never let stereotypes or conventional roles define who we are."

Scholarships make it possible

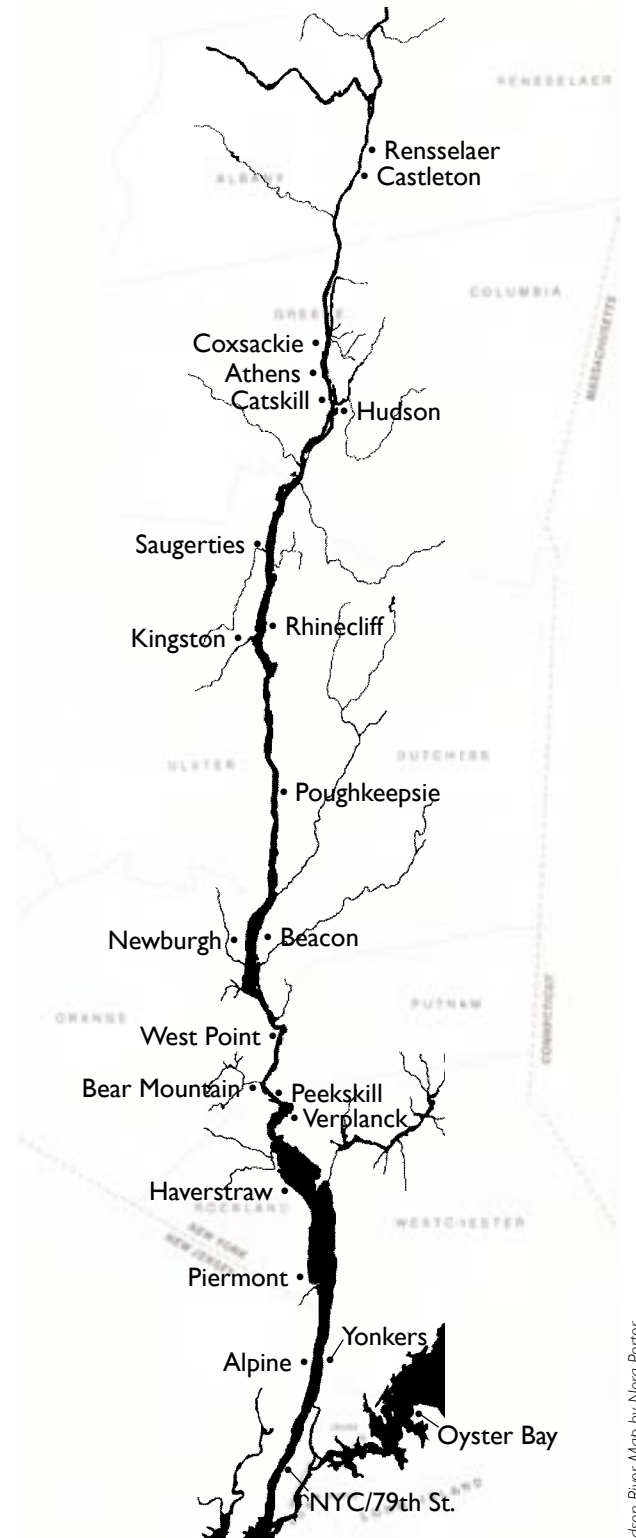
In order to make this program available to girls of all ages and income ranges Clearwater offers all participants full scholarships of \$1,000 each to cover the costs of their participation. We could not offer such an opportunity without the support of our members and we thank everyone who helped to sponsor this year's group.

If you're interested in learning more about Young Women at the Helm or helping to cover our program costs please call Christine Kane in the Development Office at 845-454-7673, ext. 118 or email her at Christine@clearwater.org.

from the sloop



Sail the Hudson!



Hudson River Map by Nora Porter.

Book a spot on the *Clearwater* for your school, community group or family! Visit www.clearwater.org for schedule details.



Brian Mohan

MATCHING GRANT CHALLENGE IS 60% COMPLETE

Hull Replacement Awaits Final Piece of Funding

\$100,000 still needed to fully launch major repairs to historic sloop

Our much beloved sloop *Clearwater* has been sailing and carrying her message of environmentalism for over 40 years and now faces one of the most daunting challenges of her existence, a complete hull replacement.

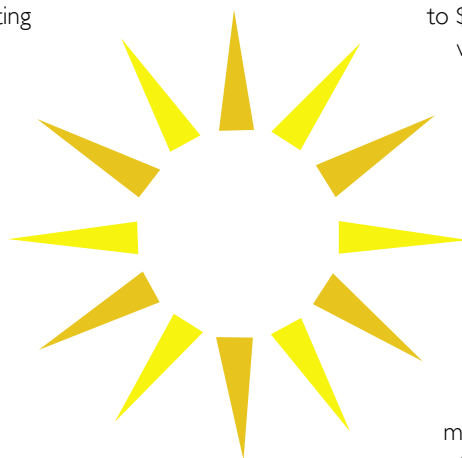
Normal wear and tear is expected aboard the boat each year as almost 15,000 school children and visitors hoist her sail, traverse her decks and come to love the Hudson River while aboard. But this project goes well beyond that.

Many of her hull planks and frames are rotten and must be replaced. Unfortunately, short-term repairs cannot fully stop the damage from spreading and now even the horn timber may be involved, a much more complicated repair issue.

This is a huge project that has to be done carefully and thoroughly if we're going to keep *Clearwater* sailing and spreading our message to the children who will become our next generation of environmental leaders for another forty years.

This work is so important that the State of New York has offered us a dollar for dollar matching grant of up to \$250,000 to help us get it done. Every dollar we raise for this restoration project will be matched by a dollar in grant funds from the State. Given New York State's current budget problems we may not have another opportunity like this for some time.

Thanks to some early gifts of money and services we've already raised over half of the money needed but we still need the remaining \$100,000 to complete this challenge. If you've ever wished you could make your charitable giving go further, this is your chance. You can double your gift and make sure that the children of the Hudson Valley can still sail on and learn from our majestic river.



For more information contact Christine Kane, Development Director at 845-454-7673 or christine@clearwater.org or visit www.clearwater.org.

Indian Point Relicensing Board Rules in Clearwater's Favor

Atomic Safety Licensing Board Admits Clearwater's Contentions

By Manna Jo Greene, Environmental Director



Clearwater's continuing attention to the many issues surrounding Indian Point's operation recently resulted in a significant first that will benefit members of our Hudson Valley community and others trying to oppose unsafe nuclear power plants for years to come.

In July Clearwater's Environmental Justice (EJ) contention in our Intervenor Petition was accepted for a hearing by the Atomic Safety Licensing Board (ASLB) – **the first EJ contention ever accepted in a nuclear relicensing proceeding.**

Many of the contentions (or arguments) submitted to the ASLB dealt with technical issues about the effects of aging of non-moving parts on plant safety and many more "traditional" environmental issues. Clearwater was the only group to submit a contention focused on the plant's impacts on communities of color, low-income households and other disenfranchised people. In all, three of the six contentions submitted by Clearwater were accepted, a 50% success rate that was not matched by any of the other intervenors.

Our second contention called for a rigorous assessment of the leaking radioactive isotopes at Indian Point and the third deals with energy efficiency and severe accident mitigation analysis (SAMA). We will work with Riverkeeper, the New York State

Attorney General's Office and the Department of Environmental Conservation to defend these various issues.

We can no longer ignore the effects of ongoing radioactive leaks, forego alternatives such as energy efficiency and renewable energy, and overlook the impacts of this relicensing on Environmental Justice populations in our region.

Relicensing review at critical stage

The current relicensing application would cover the next 20 years of Indian Point's operation; if we can't get the ASLB to truly take these important issues into consideration now we won't get another chance until 2030.

Until now we've been working *pro se* (without legal representation) but we can't move the project forward unless we raise the funds needed to engage experienced legal counsel to represent us going forward. The next steps are crucial, the deadlines are absolute and the issue is too important to be thrown out on a technicality.

In order to proceed we must raise \$50,000 immediately to hire legal counsel experienced in nuclear regulatory law and to cover the research and many interim reports that will be required.

We would never have gotten this far without the hard work of Clearwater Board Member, Stephen Filler, and a dedicated team of volunteers but we need your help now to continue.

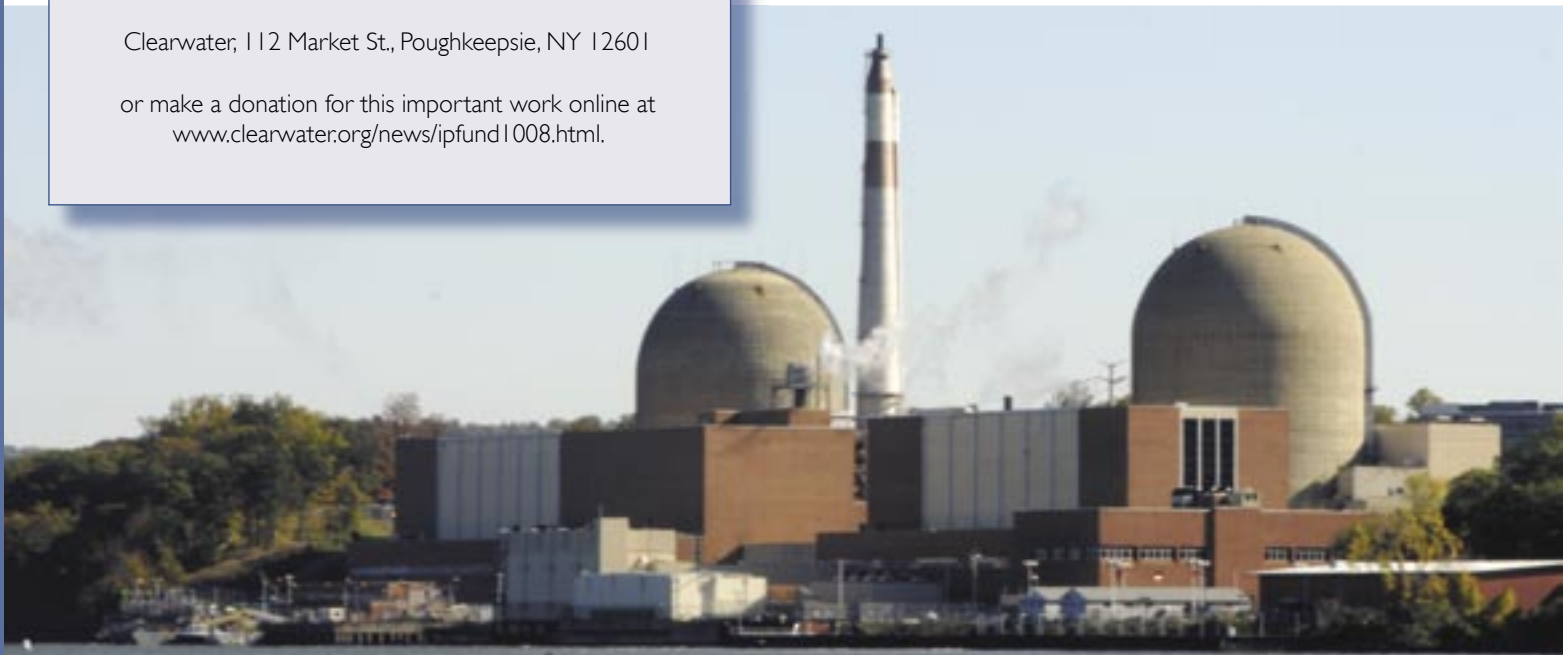
Please support Clearwater's Intervenor Petition

before the Atomic Safety Licensing Board to ensure a thorough assessment of Environmental Justice issues and other impacts related to the proposed relicensing of Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant by sending your contribution to:

Clearwater, 112 Market St., Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

or make a donation for this important work online at www.clearwater.org/news/ipfund1008.html.

For a list of key points in Clearwater's Environmental Justice Contention see page 17. For more information on Clearwater's contentions please see: www.clearwater.org/indianpoint.html.





EVENT RAISES \$10,000 FOR INDIAN POINT LEGAL CHALLENGE

Reception and Sail Raise Funds for Challenge

Actor Alec Baldwin Delivers Alternative Energy Keynote

By Manna Jo Greene, Environmental Director

On a beautiful October evening, renowned actor Alec Baldwin joined several distinguished speakers and over 50 guests at the rotunda of the 79th Street Boat Basin Café to launch Clearwater's efforts to raise the \$50,000 needed to further its Environmental Justice legal challenge to the relicensing of Indian Point.

Baldwin, a long-time proponent of sustainable energy solutions, made it clear that there are far better ways to conserve and generate energy than to relicense Indian Point for another 20 years. This aging, deteriorating nuclear power plant is located within 30 miles of New York City and has 20 million people living within a 50 mile radius – an area which would be impossible to evacuate in the event of a nuclear incident or accident.

Adverse Health Effects Presented

Alec was joined by Joe Mangano of the Radiation and Public Health Project, who stressed that preliminary data shows increased incidence of radiation-sensitive cancers in people living near nuclear power plants. Strontium-90 has also been found in higher levels of baby teeth collected from children living near nuclear facilities, which emit radiation in planned and unplanned discharges. Joe emphasized that although we have good data relating to the area surrounding Indian Point, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is refusing to look at it. Rather, the NRC is relying on the generic environmental impact study prepared for all nuclear power plants and is failing to even look at the possibility that health impacts around Indian Point are different.

Attorney Richard Webster of the Eastern Environmental Law Center gave a brief overview of EELC's success, against all odds, in bringing the Oyster Bay, NJ relicensing case to a hearing and also, after their contention was denied by the ASLB, to an appeal. EELC contended that the containment structure at Oyster Bay is deteriorating, which is a highly technical contention to prosecute, but one on which future health and safety clearly depend.

After a brief interlude of hors d'oeuvres and liquid refreshments, the group adjourned to the dock for an exquisite sunset sail on the sloop *Clearwater*, departing just as the sun was slowly setting over New Jersey and returning to the beautiful lights of the New York City skyline.

Although the event raised almost \$10,000 – enough to get us started – we still have a long way to go to raise the \$50,000 we will need this year for legal and related costs. Please join in supporting this important initiative.

Top: (l to r) Andy Mele, Clearwater's Environmental Director Manna Jo Greene, Clearwater Board Member Steve Filler, Clearwater Executive Director Jeff Rumpf, Alec Baldwin, Richard Webster and Joe Mangano at the reception held to raise funds for Clearwater's defense of our Environmental Justice Contention on Indian Point. Photos by Brian Mohan.





REDISCOVERING THE FALL KILL

Major Hudson River Tributary Gets Much Needed Attention

NYS DEC Estuary Grant helps raise awareness about and clean up of Fall Kill Watershed

Article & photos by Jennifer Rubbo – Fall Kill Watershed Coordinator



Located approximately 80 miles from New York City and in Dutchess County's population center, the Fall Kill watershed is experiencing intense growth and resultant water quality degradation and flooding issues.

The Fall Kill is a major tributary of the Hudson River and enters it as a third order stream approximately 1.5 miles downstream from the City of Poughkeepsie's drinking water intake. Its watershed encompasses parts of five Dutchess County municipalities: almost 30% of the town of Hyde Park, 35% of the City of Poughkeepsie and parts the towns of Poughkeepsie, Clinton and Pleasant Valley.

Unfortunately, this important tributary and its watershed have been largely ignored for quite some time. In fact, it has even been completely surrounded by concrete walls in some places of the City, turning it into more of a drainage way than the critical natural resource that it is.

For the last six months the Fall Kill Watershed Committee has focused on implementing several of the major conservation goals published in its 2006 management plan including raising awareness, clean ups and restoring its streambanks.

Local youth get involved

Through cooperation with Catharine Street Community Center, New Hope Community Center, and the NYS DEC Eel Monitoring project, City of Poughkeepsie youth are seeing the creek in a new light. They've conducted research on eel populations with DEC staff, are learning about the importance of macroinvertebrates in the stream's food web and are also learning about how pollution affects not only the creatures that live in the stream but also the humans who live near it and use this important water resource.

Members of the committee and many volunteers worked to plant a riparian (streamside) buffer along the banks of the Fall Kill and the Hudson River at the mouth of creek near the Mid Hudson Children's museum. Staff from the Children's Museum, students from Vassar college and Committee volunteers planted 30 native trees and shrubs thanks to the DEC's "Trees for Tribs" Initiative. These trees will help cool the water, prevent erosion and add beauty to a highly visible stretch of the stream.

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Watershed Protection is Key to Protecting Natural Resources

Area watershed groups share successes, ideas and challenges

By Katy Dunlap, HRWA Coordinator



On July 1, 2008, representatives from more than 24 watershed groups gathered with regional resource providers at the Beacon Sloop Club to share success stories, discuss challenges, and outline opportunities to advance protection of the watershed sub-

basins that feed into our Hudson River: Sponsored by the Hudson River Watershed Alliance and the NYS DEC Hudson River Estuary Program, the purpose of this meeting was to learn about progress being made, to prevent re-invention of the wheel, to determine what other resources and tools were needed to improve efforts, and to recognize and reward the hard work and dedication of our local watershed leaders.

While each group is at a different level in the watershed planning process, in general, groups are adopting similar strategies to protect our tributaries including engaging the public, conducting stream assessments, developing watershed management/conservation plans, and working with municipalities to implement plan recommendations.

Two common obstacles were identified from among the many challenges faced by community watershed groups: lack of funding and lack of committed volunteers. Resource providers from NYS Department of State, NYS Department of Environmental

Conservation, county Cornell Co-operative Extensions, and county environmental agencies, explained different opportunities to advance our on-the-ground work. The ultimate goal is for our community watershed groups to become self-sustaining, without requiring each group to apply for funding year after year.

After the morning meeting, we boarded the sloop *Clearwater*, where we were greeted by Pete Seeger, who shared stories of the sloop's origin, sang Hudson River songs, and encouraged attendees to continue working hard to protect our watershed and clean up our streams. Our community watershed representatives spent the rest of the day networking on the sloop and brainstorming on ideas to improve efforts while the weather wavered between sunshine, clouds, rain, intense heat, and lightning

Suggestions for additional resources and improving efforts include: develop a watershed hotline, help promote cost-sharing resources among neighboring watersheds, assist groups in leveraging public television and radio, providing technical research and DEC information to watershed groups, training in how to forge partnerships with agencies/municipalities, establish a stream monitoring equipment borrowing program, and work with MS4 municipalities to incorporate watershed protection principles.

For a full report on the watershed meeting and sail, please see www.hudsonwatershed.org.



Watershed Tool Kit

In each issue of the *Navigator*, we'll include information on different tools you can use to protect your watershed and ultimately, your Hudson.

GET INVOLVED!

With more than 65 major tributaries to the Hudson River, there's a lot of work to do and we need your help! Learn about watershed groups working in your area and find out how you can help improve the health of your stream. Go to www.hudsonwatershed.org to learn about existing watershed protection efforts. Don't have a watershed group already working in your area? Interested in getting one started? Contact Katy Dunlap, 845-454-7673 x116.

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CLEARWATER INITIATES STUDY

Environmental Justice in the Hudson Valley

By Katarra Peterson and Mary Rynasko

While we all know that not everyone is equally affected by pollution, just how great are the differences? Who is living around power plants and toxic waste dumps, burdened by pollution daily? Those are the central questions of the Hudson River Environmental Justice Project, an intensive investigation of “environmental justice” in the Hudson River Valley, undertaken this past summer by a student-faculty team at Skidmore College.

As defined by renowned environmental justice activist Majora Carter, environmental justice is the notion that some communities are saddled with more environmental burdens and fewer environmental benefits than others. Sociologist Robert Bullard began this area of scholarship study—and social movement activism—twenty years ago, when he examined the siting of garbage dumps in non-white areas of Houston, Texas. Led by Skidmore sociologist Rik Scarce, our project examines who is burdened most by pollution throughout the Hudson River region.

About Environmental Justice

Environmental justice (EJ) is often a heated topic because, as Robert Bullard describes it in the introduction to *The Quest for Environmental*

Justice, “The environmental justice movement is largely a response to environmental injustice.” EJ is a form of social inequality in which the racial composition or social class (poverty) of a neighborhood is closely related to the environmental conditions in that area. As both a social movement and a respected area of scholarship, there are close ties between the research community and community activists.

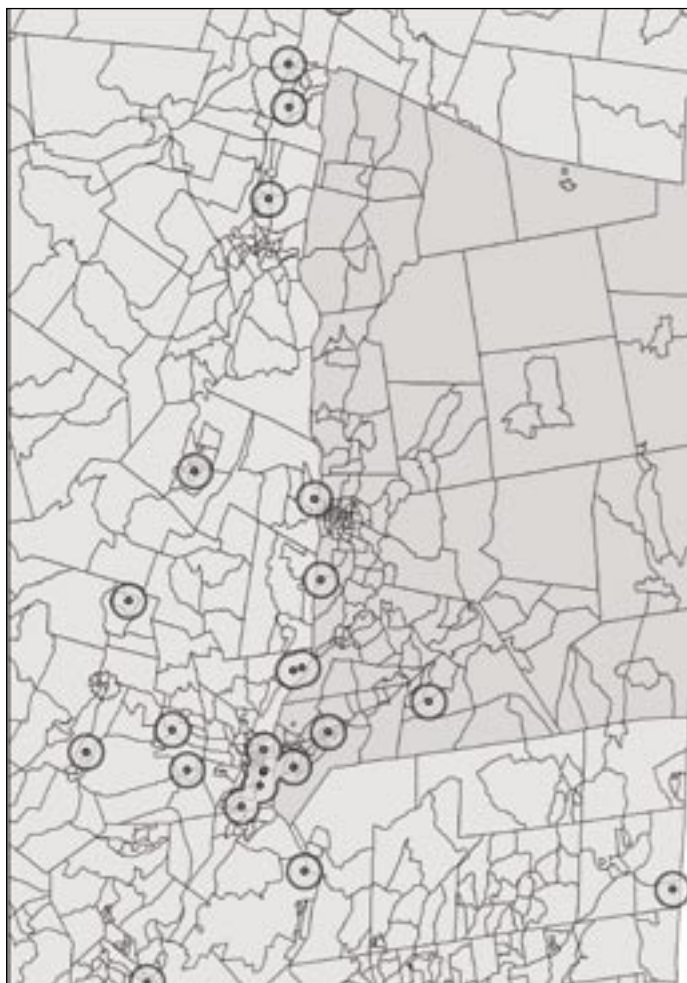
EJ activism is strong in the Hudson region. For example, Majora Carter, formerly the Executive Director of Sustainable South Bronx, began her environmental justice advocacy when she saw her own community being “dumped on.” And Aaron Mair of the Arbor Hill Environmental Justice Corporation in Albany has long been a leader in the field. Despite the presence of these and other EJ advocates, little scholarship exists on EJ in the Hudson region, thus the need for the Hudson River Environmental Justice Project.

Studying Environmental Justice along the Hudson

The project began in 2007 when Clearwater Executive Director Jeff Rumpf told Rik Scarce of his interest in obtaining baseline EJ data for the region and it developed into a working relationship involving Skidmore, Clearwater and the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation’s Office of Environmental Justice, which provided much of the data for the study.

Our project focused on the fifteen counties bordering the

Pictured above, authors Katarra Peterson and Mary Rynasko. Photo by Rik Scarce.



Pictured above: GIS map showing one mile radius around major pollution sources in Dutchess County and surrounding areas.

Hudson River, from Essex in the north to Westchester and Rockland in the south. We used GIS (geographic information systems) software to map the region's almost 2,000 "noxious" facilities, which include hazardous waste facilities and superfund sites, along with thirteen other facility types.

Assisted by Skidmore GIS expert Alex Chaucer, our analysis followed a series of complex steps. In brief, after pulling in DEC, Environmental Protection Agency and U.S. census data, we plotted the noxious facility sites in ArcMap, a GIS software program. Next, we drew a virtual circle with a one-mile radius around each facility and calculated the racial, economic, and social characteristics of the neighborhoods within that one-mile "buffer" area. Finally, we compared the facility neighborhood data inside the buffer with the characteristics of the surrounding region to identify any disparities.

Although we have only just begun to analyze the data, it does appear that substantial differences exist between noxious facility neighborhoods and the surrounding regions.

Previous Studies

Surprisingly, little EJ scholarship exists for the Hudson region, despite the river's extensive population, dense network of noxious facilities, and its place in American environmental history.

However, EJ scholarship nationally and globally is quite

Key Points in Clearwater's Environmental Justice Contention:

- Entergy's Environmental Report (ER) concludes, "no significant off-site environmental impacts will be created by the renewal of the IP2 and IP3 Operating Licenses." However, this analysis is based upon several very flawed premises:
- Entergy's EJ and Demographic Methodology is flawed and incomplete.
- Entergy's ER does not adequately acknowledge the significant EJ communities within 50 miles of Indian Point or assess Indian Point's impact on this community.
- Minority and low-income populations may be more susceptible to cancer from Indian Point Radionuclide Emissions than other populations.
- The ER fails to take into account subsistence fishing in the Hudson River.
- Low-income populations will be more severely and negatively impacted by an evacuation resulting from a radiological event at Indian Point.
- Residents of special facilities will be more severely and negatively impacted by an evacuation after a radiological event at Indian Point, including disabled patients in hospitals and long term care facilities and inmates in the many prisons in the area.
- Environmental Justice concerns relating to production and long-term storage of Indian Point's fuel, especially upon Native American populations.

For more information about Clearwater's Intervenor Petition and Clearwater's Environmental Justice Contention see page 12.

extensive. Our study mirrors one that examined neighborhood characteristics of toxic waste disposal facilities in Michigan by professors Robin Saha and Paul Mohai. Saha and Mohai used the same approach we're using, including the same demographic, economic, and social variables: percent African American, percent Hispanic, percent Nonwhite, percent without a high school diploma, percent with a Bachelor's degree, percent living in poverty, percent on public assistance, percent unemployed, percent employed in a "white collar" occupations, percent employed in a "blue collar" occupations, and economic variables concerning housing values and household income. We added another economic variable as well, percent of households receiving public assistance.

The Hudson River Environmental Justice Project will provide both scholars and activists in the region with substantial data to aid in understanding the extent of environmental injustices here and will serve as a starting point for further study.

The Clearwater Moment: A Special Collaboration with WAMC

New Radio Program extends Clearwater's reach throughout the Northeast

By Steve Densmore

While plucking his banjo in the background, Pete Seeger's telltale voice introduces each Clearwater Moment as if giving a personal seal of approval, as if saying: "Turn on your brain for a minute or two and give a listen, you won't be disappointed!" And so each vignette begins, broadcast daily on WAMC at 11:11 a.m., carrying a two-minute tale from Clearwater's world.

The tales introduce WAMC's many loyal listeners to Clearwater's patchwork quilt of knowledge with each swatch offering a bit of color or a snippet of information to illuminate their days. Clearwater Moments explore the rich history of the Hudson River and the founding principals of the environmental movement. They engage listeners with nautical tales (and sounds) from the Hudson's maritime heyday. And they inform with wonderful stories of the natural world, from the amorous oddities of the male Stickleback to the globe-trotting antics of North American eel.

Clearwater Executive Director Jeff Rumpf thinks the collaboration with WAMC represents a partnership that has the potential to spread Clearwater's name and impact far beyond the Mid-Hudson Valley, especially since syndication possibilities with other public broadcasting outlets are being discussed. What's more, Rumpf



feels the project can introduce the environmental movement to a broader base of the population.

"It's time to expand the environmental movement to all people. We need to include everyone on the river," says Rumpf. "The Clearwater Moment is a chance to inspire hundreds of thousands and even millions. This collaboration with WAMC allows us to do that."

Clearwater Development Director Christine Kane is overseeing the challenging project for Clearwater, which draws upon the considerable talents of several staff members and volunteers, all pitching in to produce a steady supply of professional grade Moments for WAMC. "Working with WAMC on this project has been an exhilarating experience for all of us. Our creative team is essentially producing a high quality Clearwater Moment for every weekday of the year," she says, lauding the work of producers Dan Einbender, David Bernz, Eli Schloss and Tom Niemisto and writers Akiko Busch, Julie Flicker Shope, Chris Bowser and Melissa Everett, among others.

As it runs on WAMC, a short synopsis of each tale, an illustration, and other background material is posted on Clearwater's website via the "Clearwater Moment" link. A collection of all past Moments is also archived on the site. For more information, visit: www.clearwater.org.

Clearwater Changes Lives

Your support makes a difference

By Adriani Leon, Former Clearwater Intern

Born in the Dominican Republic, I moved to NYC when I was five. I first learned about the *Clearwater* when Shelley Berlincourt, a Clearwater On-Board Educator came to my high school, Washington Irving, to recruit volunteers. I signed up to be an intern, having never sailed before and that decision has changed my life.

The people I sailed with that summer taught me a lot about worlds which I didn't know existed growing up in Washington Heights and the *Clearwater* has meant a lot to me ever since. I just graduated from Brandeis University where I studied International Relations with a focus on Politics and studied abroad in Germany where I interned at the Saxon State Office of Environment and Geology working on air quality, climate change and energy projects. Thanks to Clearwater I now have a much broader appreciation of nature and our world.



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Clearwater House Parties: Grassroots Fundraising at its Best

Good Friends, Good Times, Good Cause

By Samantha Heyman, Sloop Clearwater Captain

2009 is going to be a big year for birthdays in the Hudson Valley. We'll be celebrating the 400th anniversary of the landing of Henry Hudson on the *Half Moon*, the 40th anniversary of sloop *Clearwater's* launch and Pete Seeger's 90th!

Pete's achievements and those of his ship have engaged and inspired hundreds of thousands of people. They, in turn, have helped restore the health and beauty of the magnificent Hudson River and created a community that cares for it throughout the watershed and the country.

As we enter this momentous year, let's look to the future, take the baton from our founder and commit to fully and enthusiastically carrying on and building upon his enormous legacy. It started in the beginning with friends getting together and talking about this crazy idea of building a boat to bring people out on the river, teach them about its ecology and significance, and inspire them to protect it. They held small concerts and parties in their homes and backyards with oral history, hands-on experience and dreams of the future being passed on from person to person. Prompted by Pete's unwavering energy and words of wisdom, we're celebrating this important year by going back to our roots. We're asking you, our members and friends, to host a birthday party: for Pete, for the sloop, for fun and for the future.

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Artists for Clearwater



Daniel Weise and Kalene Rivers raised over \$1,800 for Clearwater with a benefit show at their gallery, Open Space, in Beacon. Daniel and Kalene recruited over 100 artists to participate in TOTE. Each artist was given a blank canvas tote bag and asked to create an original work of art for sale at the benefit show. All proceeds were donated to Clearwater. Here they, along with their son Easton, present the check to Clearwater's Executive Director Jeff Rumpf.

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Fall Kill Watershed Clean Up (continued from page 14)

Creek Week 2008

The first ever Fall Kill Creek Week was a great success. From August 4-10, 2008, educational activities and creek/watershed clean-ups helped to draw attention to the creek as it flows through Dutchess County and get nearby residents involved in the clean up. Because the watershed includes the land we live on in addition to the creek itself, groups in the City of Poughkeepsie and Town of Hyde Park participated in an "Adopt-a-Spot" program, and helped clean up trash along local streets and in city parks.

Thanks to Catharine Street Community Center; Rapport Meyers Whitbeck Shaw and Rodenhausen, LLP; the South Avenue Neighborhood Association, New Hope Community Center; The Hyde Park Visual Environment Committee, The Hyde Park Conservation Advisory Commission, and the Clearwater Staff for cleaning up their spot in the watershed.

Rapid Trash Assessment identifies pollution sources

Students and staff from the Dutchess County Cornell Cooperative Extension's No Child Left Inside program helped the Committee perform a Rapid Trash Assessment on four stretches of the Creek

through the city. They cleaned up and inventoried every piece of trash found in over 100 feet at each location. Their results will help the City identify sources of pollution and help to focus outreach efforts.

thank you!

We owe very special thanks to our Creek Week sponsors: DEC Hudson River Estuary Program, Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union, the Poughkeepsie Journal, Malcarne Contracting Inc., and Rapport Meyers Whitbeck Shaw and Rodenhausen. Creek Week would not have been such a success without their support!

*Fall Kill Watershed
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Also thanks to the Hyde Park Stop and Shop and Home Depot, Lowe's in Poughkeepsie and Target and Adams Fairacre Farms for in-kind donations of snacks and supplies that were used throughout the week. We're all looking forward to Creek Week 2009!

Pictured at left: One of many piles of trash collected from the Fall Kill Watershed... (Photo by Jennifer Rubbo.)



The Clearwater Store

When you make a purchase from the Clearwater Catalog, you're not just buying a gift for yourself or a loved one – you're helping to support educational programs and environmental advocacy. In addition to the merchandise profiled below, please consider supporting your vision of a clean, green Hudson Valley by making a contribution or by purchasing a gift membership for someone you know. Your support keeps us sailing!

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Pete Seeger's first new album in five years, "At 89" features similarly themed songs segued into organic suites, using brief solo instrumentals and spoken introductions by Pete as links. The 32-track CD produced by David Bernz includes 26 tracks never previously recorded by Pete and a strong sense of community with guest appearances from Work o' the Weavers, the Walkabout Clearwater Chorus, Hudson River Sloop Singers, the After Hours Quartet and other guests. **\$15**

Seeds: The Songs of Pete Seeger, Volume 3

Disc one of Seeds features Pete Seeger collaborating with artists like Ani DiFranco, Tao Rodriguez-Seeger, and Arlo Guthrie, and the second disc presents exclusive recordings of Pete's songs by artists such as Pat Humphries, Holly Near, and Natalie Merchant. **\$30**

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NEW! River Wild: An Activity Guide to North American Rivers

A great paperback book by Hudson Valley native Nancy Castaldo offering 30 fun-filled games, activities, and experiments to teach kids about how rivers are formed, the water cycle, and the variety of animals and habitats that exist along rivers. All the major rivers that run through the United States, Canada, and Mexico - including the Colorado, Columbia, Mississippi, Missouri, Ohio, Rio Grande, and St. Lawrence rivers- are explored in regional chapters. Not just for kids, this book is a fun learning experience for adults, too! **\$14.95**

River

This beautiful paperback picture book by Debby Atwell tells the story of a river, from its beginnings and the careful stewardship of the First Peoples, to its pollution during the industrial age, and its eventual return to cleanliness through the concerted efforts of concerned citizens. Written in simple language, *River* is a great introduction to the principles of engaged action for the youngest of children. **\$5.95**

NEW! Hudson Valley Voyage: Through the Seasons, Through the Years

The first book to explore both the Hudson River Valley's awe-inspiring beauty and the last 400 years of its history, from Henry

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'Til The River Runs Clear, DVD

Full of archival footage and interviews with Pete Seeger, his family and friends, *'Til The River Runs Clear* tells the story of the founding of Clearwater and the launch of the sloop. Produced by Kunhardt Productions and aired on PBS, this 30-minute feature is a wonderful introduction to our work. **\$15**

Pete Seeger: The Power of Song, DVD

Part of the American Masters series on PBS, *Pete Seeger: The Power of Song* is the only authorized biography of our founder. This 100-minute feature combines never-before-seen archival footage with personal films made by Pete & Toshi Seeger. **\$20**

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Clearwater House Parties (continued from page 19)

The goal is to introduce Clearwater to your friends and colleagues, raise much-needed funds, and inspire our own people to get involved. Each event will be different because it will reflect your individuality and inspiration. Ranging from a simple dinner party or potluck to a movie screening or a live music event, these parties will represent the breadth of creativity found in the diverse following Clearwater has built up over so many years.

If you're inspired to carry on Clearwater's tradition of bringing people together, or you just want to throw a party for a good cause, please contact the Samantha or Christine at Clearwater's office at 845-454-7673 or go to www.clearwater.org to find helpful resources to get you started!

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Vic Schwarz (continued from page 3)

a small business as a luthier; repairing and building acoustic stringed instruments. This business led many musicians to his door and Vic became an enthusiastic performer with friends, with his group, Acoustic Workshop, and also became a fairly regular performer himself at the legendary Guinan's in Garrison, New York.

As Vic's declining health curtailed many of his activities, a dedicated group of friends would often gather at Vic's house to play music with, and sometimes for, him.

Vic was remembered during a special sail on the *Clearwater* and with a musical tribute and moment of silence at our Annual Gathering in September.

We will miss Vic tremendously and we're very honored that Vic's family chose Clearwater as one of the recipients of memorial gifts in his honor. All gifts will be used to maintain the sloop and keep it sailing and teaching future generations.

For information about making memorial donations please call Christine Kane at 845-454-7673, ext. 118 or email her at: Christine@clearwater.org.

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Spring Splash!
Beacon

Surprise Event!

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**June 5-7 &
June 11-12**

Quadricentennial Flotilla
NYC-Rensselaer



June 20 & 21

Clearwater Festival
Croton-On-Hudson

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