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ARTS MID-HUDSON Recycle/Reconfigure Opening: Friday, March 18, 5-7pm Brunch closing, Sun., April 17, 1-3pm 696 Dutchess Tpk, Poughkeepsie, NY

Arts Mid-Hudson will be hosting "Recycle/ Reconfigure," an exhibit that examines artworks created using cast-off materials. From gathering and creating an organic shape from cardboard, to using a piece of discarded hardboard, artists have created original works of art, while decreasing the landfill. Call: 845-454-3222 http://www.artsmidhudson.org/

BARDAVON

Wednesday, April 20, 10am & 11:45am Hudson Valley Philharmonic Young People's Concert Earth Day Every Day – A Musical Exploration of our Environment 35 Market Street, Poughkeepsie NY

Grades: 3–6, Approx. 1 hour, (Snow date April 21) http://www.bardavon.org/event_info.php?id=836 &venue=bardavon

Enriching the lives of children by exposing them to beautiful music. Developing students' natural musical competence will assist them in becoming successful hearers, and awaken their interest in the many ways music plays out in school, learning and life. www.bardavon.org/

CARY INSTITUTE Spring Awakening Walk Saturday, April 2, 6pm Auditorium, 2801 Sharon Turnpike (Route 44), Millbrook, NY

Check out the sights and sounds of spring. What will you find? Amphibians, birds, mammals? Peepers, salamanders, and woodcock are likely, but not guaranteed to be seen. Please wear sturdy shoes or boots. Led by Cary Institute's Manager of Outdoor Programs Mike Fargione. The walk begins promptly at 6pm. Registration required. See: http://www.caryinstitute.org/events/spring-awakening-walk

CLEARWATER Pete Seeger Tribute Sunday, March 20, 2-6pm

Another wonderful Pete Seeger Tribute with Jay & Molly and Mike & Ruthy and others; organized by Clearwater Board member, Stephen Smith, North River Friends of Clearwater and others. At the Linda Norris Auditorium in Albany. http://www.clearwater.org/events/inmemoryofpete/

COCOON THEATRE Powwow Tales Monday, March 28, 7pm 9 Vassar Street, Garden Suite, Poughkeepsie, NY

Curated by Mahto Mahto-Topah, with Lakota speaker Mag-La-Que and Native American food and culture.

845-452-7870 I www.cocoontheatre.org

COLLEGE HILL REVITALIZATION PROJECT Date to be determined

Springtime grounds cleaning and mulching; revitalization and maintenance of Poughkeepsie's historic symbol of civic idealism and largest Victorian park. Sponsored by Poughkeepsie City Councilmember Ann Perry: 845-454-0947

E-WASTE RECYCLING & SHREDFEST Date and location to be determined

Safely shred personal documents and recycle your electronic waste.

FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Wednesday, April 6, 11:30am Lunch 'n Listen Music Series 325 Mill St, Poughkeepsie, NY

Kevin & Carol Becker with Rich Keyes, folk music Doors open 11:30am for "brown baggers." Free parking in municipal lot, 11am-1pm, with reusable permit available in the church lobby. Handicapped parking available. 845-452-6050 http://firstlutheranpok.org/lunch-n-listen/

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FRANCES LEHMAN LOEB ART CENTER April 29 – August 21 Touch the Sky: Art and Astronomy 124 Raymond Ave., Poughkeepsie, NY

Astronomy can be traced back to antiquity with its origins in religious and mythological beliefs; its study has been closely linked to artistic endeavors since the Renaissance. Touch the Sky is a multi-media exhibition of images of the moon, sun, planets, and stars made by artists since the nineteenth century. The exhibition comprises historical works from the Art Center's collection as well as several more contemporary works on loan. http://fllac.vassar.edu/exhibitions/ 2016/touch-the-sky.html

Part of Vassar's campus-wide celebration of the sciences — Bridging: Celebrating the Integrated Science Commons: http://bridging.vassar.edu/

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF DUTCHESS COUNTY Homeowner Info Session Monday, April 11, 6pm Adriance Memorial Library, 93 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, NY

Find out who qualifies and what is involved in Habitat for Humanity Family Partnership. If you can't attend or for more information, write: outreach.coordinator@habitatdutchess.org or call 845-475-9336 ext. 107

HUDSON RIVER EEL PROJECT CITIZEN SCIENCE

March 29 through May 2016 Fallkill Creek in Poughkeepsie, near the Mid-Hudson Children's Museum

During this project, teams of scientists, students, and community members collect glass eels using specialized nets and traps on Hudson River tributaries each spring. The project directly involves students (Poughkeepsie High School, Arlington High School, and Marist College) and volunteers with scientific design and field methodology. Participants experience their local ecosystem firsthand, and collect and provide decisionmakers with important information and relevant data about migrating fish. More info at: http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/49580.html To participate, contact Chris Bowser: chris.bowser@dec.ny.gov

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Special thanks! to:

HUDSON VALLEY REGIONAL ENVIROTHON

Thursday, April 14 Sharpe Reservation, Fishkill

Registration deadline March 18. Five-member teams of high school students work together to compete on five environmental topics: Soils, Aquatics, Forestry, Wildlife, and Current Issues. The primary goal of the Envirothon is to learn about the natural environment we live in so as to become stewards of the land. In preparation for the event, students develop research skills, practice team building, and gain an appreciation for consensus decision making. Participating counties: Dutchess, Columbia, Delaware, Greene, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster, Westchester. http://www.ccswcd.org/hv-regional-envirothon.html

Registration Form: http://www.ccswcd.org/up-loads/7/2/1/2/7212165/2016registration.pdf

HUDSONIA

Habitat mapping and biodiversity assessment study PO Box 5000, Annandale-On-Hudson, NY 12504

Hudsonia is raising funds for a habitat mapping and biodiversity assessment study of the City of Poughkeepsie. Hudsonia does not advocate specific land uses; rather Hudsonia produces up-to-date, local, scientific information for use by environmental decision-makers. Hudsonia has conducted habitat mapping and biodiversity assessment studies in several Dutchess County towns including the Town of Poughkeepsie. The results of these projects are used in comprehensive planning, reviewing land use proposals, protecting significant habitats, and managing public and private lands. Phone: 845-758-7053; http://hudsonia.org/

JOHN FLOWERS EASTER EGG HUNT Saturday, March 26, 8am-12nooon Waryas Park, Poughkeepsie, NY

Annual Easter Egg Hunt provides over 15,000 candy-filled plastic eggs to inner-city kids. For more information, to volunteer or make donations, contact Habitat for Humanity, 45 Catharine Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 845-475-9336

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LOVING THE EARTH MID-HUDSON HERITAGE CENTER Opening reception: March 19, 6-8pm Exhibit continues through April 23 317 Main Street, Poughkeepsie

An art exhibition and event series exploring the intersection of art, sustainability, and the natural environment. See: http://www.

midhudsonheritage.org/#!future-events/caxz

• Thursday, March 24, 6-7:30pm Introduction to Sustainability

See: https://www.facebook.com/events/181311688896120/

• Friday, March 25, 6-7:30pm Getting Started with Beekeeping

See: https://www.facebook.com/events/751920184909877/

Saturday, March 26, 1-4:00pm Reused, Renewed, and Repurposed Jewlery Making

See: https://www.facebook.com/events/778122105665696/

Saturday, March 26th, 1-5pm Clothing Swap

See: https://www.facebook.com/events/ 1534928066805052/

Friday, April 1, 6-7:30pm Seed Saving Workshop & Seed Swap

See: https://www.facebook.com/events/536535616529284/

Saturday, April 2, 4-5:30pm Organic Recycling and Sustainability Agents

Learn methods for diverting organic material from the landfill while producing rich compost for soil amendment, plant growth, and health.

• Sunday, April 3, 1:30-5:00pm Movie Screening of "The Lorax"

See: https://www.facebook.com/events/1333105510048279/

• Friday, April 8, 6-7:30pm Container Gardening Workshops

See: https://www.facebook.com/events/1556383127986977/

• Saturday, April 9, 6-7:30pm Lint Workshop with Amy Rosen

See: https://www.facebook.com/events/ 1735136453373203/

• Thursday, April 14, 6-7:30pm Sustainability and Energy

See: https://www.facebook.com/events/206894536326116/

Friday, April 15, 6:30-7:30pm Garden Polyculture: Companion Planting

See: https://www.facebook.com/events/ 1122838647748159/

MIDDLE MAIN COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP Saturday, April 16, 10am-12noon 517 Main Street, Poughkeepsie

Middle Main Street Clean-up beginning at Murphy Park, in front of the Poughkeepsie Underwear Factory. Volunteers are invited to assist in clearing the trash off our streets and helping to make Poughkeepsie a place we're proud to call home. All clean-up materials, such as gloves and garbage bags, will be provided. Some light landscaping and planting will also take place. For any questions or to sign up, contact: Hilary at hsparling@hudsonriverhousing.org

MORGAN LAKE REVITALIZATION PROJECT Saturday, April 16, 11am-1pm Fifth Annual Earth Day Clean-Up

Morgan Lake is located on Creek Road south of Dutchess Community College. The clean-up will be hosted by Morgan Lake Revitalization Project volunteers and Dutchess Community College student clubs including BIOS, Outdoor Adventure, Frisbee and Gaming. Gloves and trash bags will be provided. For more information, contact morganlakepoughkeepsie@gmail.com

OAKWOOD FRIENDS SCHOOL Tuesday, April 19, 7pm Public talk by Tiokasin Ghosthorse Lane Theater, Oakwood Friends School, 22 Spackenkill Rd., Poughkeepsie, NY

Free public talk by Tiokasin Ghosthorse, musician, storyteller, activist, and host and producer of the First Voices Indigenous Radio program. He has spoken internationally on Native American rights and living in harmony with Mother Earth. Tiokasin will be performing on cedar flute and discussing indigenous cultures. More info: 845-462-4200 or write: general@oakwoodfriends.org

POKLIT

Sunday, April 17, 2-5pm Earth Laughs in Flowers: A Tribute to the Earth in Poem Mid-Hudson Heritage Center 317 Main St, Poughkeepsie, NY

POKLIT is a network of writers, as well as a series of literary events in the heart of downtown Poughkeepsie. As part of Poughkeepsie's Earth Day celebrations, and in conjunction with POKLIT, local poets will gather to pay tribute to the Earth with poetry. Sign up to recite in advance or at event, or simply come to help celebrate. To sign up, write: events.heritagecenter@gmail.com More info at: https://www.facebook.com/events/1959140520978793/1

POUGHKEEPSIE COMMUNITY WEALTH-BUILDING SUMMIT Friday, April 22, 9am-5pm Vassar College, Villard Room

The Summit will bring together anchor institutions (educational, medical and government) and local organizations to catalyze collaborative efforts to reach a shared vision for the City of Poughkeepsie. The event will facilitate discussion through breakout sessions, workshops, and panels featuring national and regional experts who have done notable work to develop sustainable economies in their respective cities. \$100/person. Scholarships available. communitywealthsummit@gmail.com

POUGHKEEPSIE PUBLIC LIBRARY Thursday, April 21, 6-7:30pm Healthy Cooking in Season Adriance Memorial Library, 93 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, NY

Poughkeepsie Farm Project educator Ellie Limpert will present two dishes in this hands-on cooking workshop that can be prepared with different freshly harvested local ingredients depending on the season. Location: Adriance Charwat Meeting Room (Ground Floor). Register: Reference Desk 845-485-3445 x3702 or adultevents@poklib.org http://www.poklib.org>Events>Calendar

QUEEN CITY ARTS WEEKEND Saturday and Sunday, April 16-17

Held the third weekend of every month at participating venues. Featuring regional artists, performers and literary artists; bringing together artists, community members, and business owners; strengthening ties and collaborations within our community. An advocacy project to provide information and promote the region's artists and cultural events through local art-driven partnerships. More info: http://www.artsmidhudson.org/

REPAIR CAFÉ Saturday, April 9 The First Evangelical Lutheran Church 325 Mill St., Poughkeepsie NY

Repair Café is a free meeting place that is all about repairing things together. If it's worn out or broken, community volunteers—who donate their time and skills—will help you make free repairs to your "beloved but broken" items.

See http://repaircafeHV.org/ or contact the Repair Café at pokrepaircafe@gmail.com

SPOKE and DOC'S PKNY Re-CYCLE

Working to promote the use of bicycles as a means of transportation in the city of Pough-keepsie. Bike rescue, repair and return to use. Improving Poughkeepsie one bicycle at a time. Monthly rides through all 8 wards of Pough-keepsie on existing bike routes making stops to talk about interesting city landmarks. https://www.facebook.com/SPOKE-Poughkeepsie-164659593865795/ and https://www.facebook.com/Pknyrecycle/Call: 845-797-2508

VASSAR ENVIRONMENTAL COOPERATIVE

Events still being added. For more info, contact: Maria Garcia at margarcia@vassar.edu or call 845-437-7435

 Wednesday, March 16, 11am-1pm
 Promoting Environmental Engagement in Poughkeepsie

Vassar College Aula in Ely Hall

- Wednesday, March 16, 3:30-5pm Illustration Workshop with Ric Jones Location: TBD
- Wednesday, March 30, 3:30-6:30pm
 YardMap Webinar –
 Exploring Our Green Spaces

Sci Vis Lab Rm 101 in the Bridge for Laboratory Sciences Building

- Wednesday, April 6, 6pm
 Bears in Urban Environments with
 Matthew Merchant from the NYDEC
 Mid Hudson Heritage Center
- Thursday, April 7, 3-4:30pm
 Spring Walk Land History and Forest Health

Vassar Farm and Ecological Preserve

- Thursday, April 7, 6-8:30pm
 Screening: Seeds of Change
 with the Poughkeepsie Farm Project
 Taylor 203, Vassar College
- Saturday, April 9, 1-3pm Vassar Campus Clean-Up

Vassar Sunset Lake

Friday, April 15, 1-4pm
 Save Our Trees – Invasive Species
 Removal

Vassar Farm and Ecological Preserve

 Saturday, April 16th, 10am-12noon Fallkill Clean Up with Middle Main Initiative

Murphy Park, 517 Main Street, Poughkeepsie

VASSAR ENVIRONMENTAL COOPERATIVE (continued)

Wednesday, April 27, 9-11pm
 Star Gazing at the Vassar Observatory
 Weather permitting

Vassar College Observatory

- Friday, April 29 6:30-8:30pm Screening: A Sidewalk Astronomer Rockefeller Hall 300, Vassar College
- Saturday, May 7, 1-4pm
 Casperkill Clean Up Riverkeeper
 Sweep

Vassar College, Bottom of Hill Near Kenyon Hall Events still being added Follow Vassar Environmental Cooperative on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/The-Environmental-Cooperative-at-the-Vassar-Barns-1825432701016580/

WALKING TOUR OF PUBLIC ART IN POUGHKEEPSIE Saturday, April 16

This leisurely two-hour guided walking tour presents the general public with a variety of Poughkeepsie's public artworks and architecture, including indoor and outdoor murals, historic and contemporary sculptures and monuments, stained glass, marble and bronze sculptures, important architecture and much more. The tour will discuss the works in historical context, as well as cover the artists, their materials, techniques, role and function of certain works and buildings and tie in how the public art was made with an eye toward the environment. Tour offered April through October. By reservation only. Call 845-516-4758 or Francpalaial@gmail.com

WALKWAY WOOLS 103 Main St, Poughkeepsie, NY

An Interactive wool make-and-take project for children and adults; possible creation of an eco-friendly, hand-dyed special color yarn for the event. Call: (845) 849-9255

More info at: http://walkwaywools.com/https://www.facebook.com/walkwaywools/

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ARBOR DAY

Friday, April 29 – Last Friday in April

National Arbor Day is always celebrated on the last Friday in April, this year: April 29, 2016. Many states observe Arbor Day on different dates throughout the year based on best tree planting times in their area. For more information, see: https://www.arborday.org/index.cfm

BEAR MOUNTAIN STATE PARK Earth Day Celebration at Trailside Museums & Zoo Saturday, April 23, 10:30am-3pm (Rain date: Sunday, April 24)

Celebrate Earth Day and springtime with some family-friendly and Earth-friendly fun at Trailside Museums and Zoo at Bear Mountain State Park. Seeking volunteers for conservation-themed tabling to inform the public about your organization and/or provide fun activities for children and their families. Pre-registration required only if volunteering. Free event, though \$8/car parking fee. If interested in tabling, contact: Chris O'Sullivan at chris.osullivan@parks.ny.gov or 845-786-2701 ext. 293

CLEARWATER— Volunteer Maintenance Day March 26th

Join the crew and shipwrights in working on the sloop restoration. Bring your work gloves and lunch—we'll provide coffee, water and a light snack! Contact: Volcoord@clearwater.org

Even during a restoration, Clearwater is an educational boat!

Every Sunday is a volunteer day at the sloop! Clearwater's captain is asking for help cleaning up the winter shop after each work week so the crew can dedicate as much time as possible to finish the restorationwork in time to sail this spring. There's no need to register, volunteers can just show up on Sundays at the Kingston Home Port at 50 Rondout Landing in Kingston, NY.

EARTH/SKY Full Moon – April 22, 2016

The April 22 full moon will be the smallest full moon of the year. This full moon will lie about 50,000 kilometers (30,000 miles) farther away from Earth than will the year's closest full moon—the full supermoon on November 14. http://earthsky.org/?p=175666

HUDSON ESTUARY TREES FOR TRIBS PROGRAM, NEW PALTZ Friday, April 29, 9am-4pm At the NYSDEC Region 3 Office, 21 South Putt Corners, New Paltz, NY

Plant a tree for Arbor Day! Join the Hudson Estuary Trees for Tribs program for our "Potting Up" event, providing thousands of native trees and shrubs for planting along tributary streams of the Hudson Estuary to protect water quality and wildlife. Help pot bareroot seedlings into soil so they'll survive until planting. Come ready to get dirty. All equipment provided, as well as a free pizza lunch. Contact Libby Young, Program Coordinator, Student Conservation Assoc. Phone: 845-255-4758; lyoung@thesca.org To learn more about the Trees for Tribs program, see: http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/43668.html

RESCUING LEFTOVER CUISINE

The Hudson Valley Regional Council, in partnership with Rescuing Leftover Cuisine, Dutchess County Division of Solid Waste and the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency, is planning a "Feed 5000" event in fall of 2016 to raise awareness about food waste prevention and food rescue. Individuals and organizations interested in partnering or volunteering, contact: siennah.yang@rescuingleftovercuisine.org

NATIONAL PARK WEEK April 16-24, 2016

Fee-free days in your national parks!

The National Park Service turns 100 years old in 2016 and wants everyone to join the party! On 16 days in 2016, all National Park Service sites that charge an entrance fee will offer free admission to everyone.

http://www.nps.gov/findapark/feefreeparks.htm http://www.nationalparks.org/connect/blog/2016free-admission-days-national-parks

SACRED BEING 2016 HEALTH AND WELLNESS FAIR Saturday, April 9, 10am-4pm Locust Grove Estate, 2683 South Road (Route 9), Poughkeepsie, NY

Business expo and wellness workshops featuring over 35 health and wellness practitioners of the Mid-Hudson Valley. Samples, mini-consultations, healings, information on holistic health practices, specials on products and services. Free admission. More info: http://priyacomm.com/SEFair2016.php

SARATOGA TREE NURSERY ANNUAL TREE AND SHRUB SEEDLING SALE & SCHOOL SEEDLING PROGRAM

More than 45 species of trees and shrubs from the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation's (DEC) Saratoga Tree Nursery now available to public and private landowners and schools. http://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/lands_forests_pdf/seedlingbrochure.pdf
http://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/9393.html

SEEDLING SALE, DUTCHESS SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT Ordering deadline: March 18

The Spring bare root seedling sale includes deciduous and coniferous trees, shrubs, and other plants as well as wildflower seed and wildlife boxes. 2016 Seedling Sale Order Form now available online. Pick-up dates are April 22, 9am-6pm; and April 23, 9am-12noon. http://dutchessswcd.org/?page_id=229 http://dutchessswcd.org/wp-content/uploads/2016-Seedling-Order-Form.pdf

BREAK FREE FROM FOSSIL FUELS MAY 4-16, 2016

In May 2016, there will be a global wave of actions targeting the world's most dangerous fossil fuel projects — to keep coal, oil and gas in the ground and accelerate the transition to 100% renewable energy. Contact: breakfree@albany2016.org or 774-313-0881 http://www.albany2016.org/

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