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*Creating the Next Generation of Environmental Leaders*

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### Creating the Next Generation...

Pictured above, Jen Moretti and Wyatt Buesing, members of Clearwater's Power of Song program, sing at the Great Hudson River Revival. Read about how Clearwater is helping to build the Next Generation of Environmental Leaders on pages 4 through 11.

...of Environmental Leaders

## on the cover



Clearwater sailed silently off the dock in Catskill the morning of August 15th as local harpist Jim Davis warmed up for a wedding taking place on the riverfront later that day. Davis strummed Pete Seeger melodies on the harp while a crowd gathered to watch Clearwater sail under the Rip Van Winkle Bridge and north around the bend. Photograph by Maija Niemistö.



# The Clearwater Synergy

Are you a festival person, a sloop aficionado, or an environmental activist? Clearwater has three wonderful distinct cultures, each one more passionate than the other. If our three cultures are competitive, it can be a problem; but when we are cooperative, all Clearwater prospers.

As Executive Director, I have the opportunity to not only experience all three communities, but to do my best to create synergy between them. Let's look at some observations of all three.

## FESTIVAL.

### **Favorite Clothing:**

Vintage Revival T-shirts  
–the older the better  
Roy's skirt  
Anything tie-dyed

### **Favorite Songs:**

"If I Had a Hammer"  
"Indian Prayer"  
"Turn, Turn, Turn"

### **Favorite Bumpersticker:**

World Peace  
My karma ran over my dogma

### **Favorite Places:**

Croton Point Park  
Beacon Sloop Club  
Walkabout

### **Favorite People:**

Pete & Toshi Seeger

## SLOOP.

### **Favorite Clothing:**

Deck Knife Accessory Belt  
Crew T-shirt  
Stripy Socks  
Sun-bleached, tar-stained Carhartts  
Anything washed in the last year

### **Favorite Songs:**

"Sailing Up, Sailing Down"  
Anything Rick Nestler  
All Sea Shanties

### **Favorite Bumpersticker:**

We Deliver for the River  
Hudson River Sturgeon

### **Favorite Places:**

79th Street Pier  
Beacon Ferry Dock  
Anywhere on the sloop  
Not stuck in the mud  
Lynch's Marina  
Hudson River Maritime Museum  
King Marine

### **Favorite People:**

Pete & Toshi Seeger

## ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVISM.

### **Favorite Clothing:**

Color-coordinated clipboards  
Recycled bottle T-shirts  
Anything with activist buttons  
Never fur

### **Favorite Songs:**

"Down By The Riverside"  
"Garbage!"  
"Take it From Dr. King"  
"God's Countin' on Me,  
God's Countin' on You"

### **Favorite Bumpersticker:**

Close Indian Point  
When the People Lead,  
the Politicians Will Follow  
Think Globally, Act Locally  
No Fracking Way  
Enviro–Dredging Works  
Blame GE

### **Favorite Places:**

Fort Edward & Hudson Falls  
Indian Point  
Washington, D.C.  
Albany, NY  
All Our River Cities

### **Favorite People:**

Pete & Toshi Seeger

Isn't it interesting we can all agree on one thing: Pete Seeger and his vision. And after 40 years, our formula for success is still the same. Clearwater's special environmental strength and uniqueness is built on the synergy of these three cultures. Pete knew from the very beginning that music inspired people to get involved, that the sloop was the best way to educate people "hands on" about the river, and that inspired, educated people would take the "action" – environmental action. The three together would combine to clean up the Hudson and begin to build a better world.

These are a few of our favorite Clearwater things. Join us on Facebook and tell us your favorite Clearwater things!

[www.facebook.com/sloopclearwater](http://www.facebook.com/sloopclearwater)

-Jeff Rumpf, Executive Director



Dave Conover

Pictured above: Carlos Duran with Captain Samantha Heyman Hicks at River Day in Poughkeepsie, June 5, 2010.



#### YOUNG LEADER SPOTLIGHT:

## Carlos Duran, 21 New York, NY

**Involvement with Clearwater:** While a student with *Rocking the Boat* in the South Bronx, Carlos Duran first met and worked with Captain Samantha Heyman Hicks when she was acting as Co-Director of RTB's Clearwater program. After meeting the magnetizing captain of the *Clearwater*, he went on to become an Education Intern for the summer of 2009, and then deckhand in the fall of that year. This year, Carlos was a guest speaker for Clearwater's *Young Men at the Helm* program.

**Leadership Experience:** Even as he was attending Bronx Manhattan Community College, Carlos realized that he missed the boat building and rowing, so he and a friend started a rowing team – the first in the school's history.

Prior to working with *Rocking the Boat*, Carlos was a boat builder's assistant and Director of Weekend Community Rowing at the New York Restoration Project until funding was cut for the program. He also worked for the New York Council on the Environment in the Bronx on their Learn it, Grow it, Eat it program. Community building and outreach, community gardens, and educating Bronx communities about food origins and healthy eating habits were some of Carlos' endeavors while he was with the program.

Currently, Carlos is the manager of a small carpentry business called Quality Wood Care, which he started with his former boss from the *Rocking the Boat* building program. He manages other young adults who are in need of work and have an interest in carpentry. "Taking a piece of wood or a company, you just want to see it grow and change. Like building a boat, you want to see it through," says Carlos about his passion for committing to a goal and seeing it to the end.

**Career Interests:** While he is absolutely enjoying the world of carpentry, he knows where he wants to be next year. "I just want to be sailing on the *Clearwater*. I need to get back on the river. Then, I'm going back to school." Carlos intends to work his way up the chain of command on the sloop and someday become a captain.

**Motto:** "I'm not better than anyone else, but I'm better than I used to be."

## Keep the Conversation Going!

### Take Action.

Be part of the conversation. While Clearwater has been vocal about the importance of protecting the Hudson Valley's environment and developing environmental youth leadership programs, we need you to be vocal with your concerns about our environment and access to the great outdoors.

Get outdoors and document the cool things that you like to do in the outdoors. Show us your favorite outdoor activity. All you need is your smart phone or digital camera.

### Show President Obama this is your land!

- ◆ Post your video or photos on The American Great Outdoors Facebook
- ◆ Post your video or photos on Clearwater's Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/sloopclearwater](http://www.facebook.com/sloopclearwater)

In the true spirit  
of our founder, Pete Seeger,  
*Clearwater's Power of Song* youth  
and the *Urban Farmer's League*  
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Michael Hardgrove

# America's Great Outdoors Initiative

Youth Conveys Environmental Message Through Song

By Heidi Kitlas, Development Director



In early August, as part of President Obama's America's Great Outdoors Initiative, listening sessions were held in Poughkeepsie and Hyde Park to provide an opportunity for the communities of the Hudson Valley to speak out about regional environmental issues. The Hudson Valley sessions, one of 25 held across the country, attracted hundreds, including environmental leaders and concerned citizens, providing an opportunity to establish new federal partnerships that will support a multitude of Hudson Valley environmental efforts. Senior officials from the US Department of Agriculture, Department of Interior and Environmental Protection Agency were on hand to hear what citizens had to say about our community and getting outdoors.

A special youth-focused Listening Session was held on August 5 in Hyde Park, New York at the FDR Library & Estate. Given Clearwater's role on the river and its powerful youth leadership programming, we helped organize youth from New York City to Albany to participate. The result was inspiring. The youth session was undeniably passionate, with over 300 youth arriving in Hyde Park to contribute their ideas and concerns about the environment.

Carlos Duran was one of the key youth participants, and is featured in this issue's Young Leader spotlight. "We need jobs for young people," Carlos stated, as he presented the youth recommendations on August 6th during the general listening sessions, "and not just jobs, but jobs that bring us into the outdoors. I think that

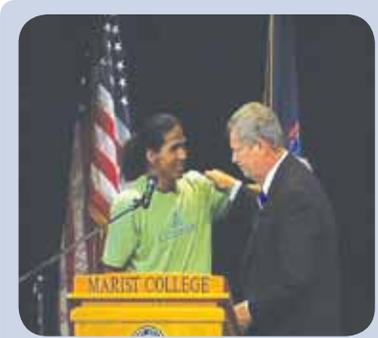
the outdoors is such a great way out of poverty. The outdoors is a great solution!"

After the session, federal officials were overwhelmingly impressed with the strong, diverse and engaged recommendations of the Hudson Valley youth. Many teens, such as Carlos, were united in their concern about the need for access to the outdoors, their environmental education programs that have had funding stripped or lost altogether, and their future in the green job movement – a future that they believe must be sustainable and green in order for their generation to succeed.

In the true spirit of our founder, Pete Seeger, Clearwater's *Power of Song* youth and the *Urban Farmer's League of Newburgh, NY* created new verses to 'This Land is Your Land' to voice their recommendations to President Obama. As a collaborative project, Clearwater partnered with Our Hudson Tomorrow and the Electronic Music Foundation to support their efforts and produce a video featuring these young leaders.

To view the video, visit Clearwater's website at [www.clearwater.org](http://www.clearwater.org), or the Hudson River Sloop Clearwater Channel on YouTube at [www.youtube.com/user/HRSloopClearwater](http://www.youtube.com/user/HRSloopClearwater). We ask that you please share Clearwater's video with others and help us get the word out!

Clearwater is proud of all the passionate young leaders who attended this session and who aspire to make a difference in our country. We applaud their leadership and determination to make our communities better places.



Carlos Duran at the AGOI with Tom Vilsack, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture. Below, Members of Clearwater's Power of Song take part in the filming of their version of Woody Guthrie's 'This Land is Your Land.'



Heidi Kitlas

*My dream is to have a career that encompasses sailing and environmental activism, so that I will be able to see beautiful, natural places around the world and protect them.*

*—Anika Pommers-Dear*



# The Origins of a Clearwater Tradition

*Clearwater's Young Women at the Helm program has grown in size and scope since its beginning.*

By Samantha Heyman Hicks, Captain



One of my favorite poems has always been Robert Frost's "The Road Less Traveled":

... Two roads diverged in a wood, and I –  
I took the one less traveled by,  
And that has made all the difference

Required to memorize this poem as a child, I took it to heart and have had the good fortune to be able to say that I have lived my life with those words as my foundation and continue to do so.

I grew up Newton, Massachusetts – a truly great place to grow up. It is a place where the youth are encouraged to find a distinguished profession, like medicine, law or journalism. In 1993, after graduating from college and with the help of my twin brother, I took a tentative, but auspicious step in a slightly different direction. I did, in fact, find a profession – a historically noble one – despite being somewhat less common these days, and have achieved success that I am unbelievably proud of, thanks to my employment with Clearwater.

One milestone of my career was in 1997 when I first passed the test for my Captain's License – a USCG 100-ton Near Coastal Master. My parents took me out to dinner to celebrate and my mother bluntly, though politely asked me, "Now what? What do you plan to do with this experience and credential?" In an excited, if slightly naïve response, I told her that I would like to run programs for young women on a boat, programs that would give them hands-on experience that they would be unlikely to find anywhere else, a chance to flex their muscles and brains in the way that only a traditional sailing vessel can provide. Little did I know that I would realize that dream within the next five years.

In 2002, in collaboration with the Hudson River Museum in Yonkers and with funding from the Westchester Community Foundation, Clearwater began its pilot program *Young Women at the Helm*, sailing with 26 girls from the Yonkers community for three days, spending 5-7 hours each day sailing between New York City, Yonkers, and the Tappan Zee Bridge. The daily program incorporated both applied academic curricula and physical activities that were fully a part of vessel operations.

And they went aloft... some excitedly, some dubiously and some just plain terrified. But they all came down from their forty-foot perch in *Clearwater's* rig with pride and a true sense of accomplishment, many surprising themselves with their own bravery. One student, the inimitable Francis Cruz, wrote her college entrance essay on the experience. She went on to get a degree in journalism and is now, eight years later, a New York City Teaching Fellow.

Clearwater's *Young Women at the Helm* program, thanks to its early foundations, continues to be a successful program. The program offers students the opportunity to learn how to conduct water-testing experiments and understand them in the context of the health of the river. They learn how to determine vessel speed and distance between docks and make their own navigational predictions and decisions based on those determinations. They learn the

physics of why twenty-six young women can hoist a sail that weighs 3000 pounds. They also learn traditional sailors' arts and have the opportunity to simply appreciate the magnificence of the Hudson itself.

The program also offers students the opportunity to meet special guests, women who have achieved success in less-than-traditional ways. The first year brought them into contact with Andrea Stewart-Cousins, state legislator, and Ramona Staffeld, world champion dancer, who taught us all the traditional "boot dance" of the South African miners.

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## Creating the Next Generation...

When I learned that I was accepted to Clearwater's *Advanced Young Women at the Helm* program, I was overcome with excitement. I was excited to meet new people and rediscover the Hudson River I knew from my childhood living in Kingston, NY. When I first came aboard *Clearwater*, everywhere I looked there were lines and every other word I heard was some unfamiliar sailing jargon. I was concerned that the skills I had picked up sailing small sailboats wouldn't translate to the majestic *Clearwater*, which is massive in comparison, but I didn't need to worry. The crew taught us all about the boat from the bow to the stern.

The opportunity I had to climb aloft was one of the highlights of my summer. As I carefully ascended the unfortunately named "shrouds," my mind was reeling with questions. "I wonder if I'll see the Catskills up there?" "What if the line attached to my harness snaps?" "How far up am I?" At some point I stopped to look around and was taken aback by the beauty of the river. From that vantage point the world held a different light. Like earth from a space shuttle, the river seemed smaller and more fragile. Aboard *Clearwater* we learned about how fragile the Hudson and its ecosystems truly are.

My dream is to have a career that encompasses sailing and environmental activism, so that I will be able to see beautiful, natural places around the world and protect them. My time on *Clearwater* flew by as swiftly as the eagles that grace the skies above the Hudson River. The last day of the program had arrived and, although I love my life and my school, I couldn't ignore the longing I had to never step foot back on dry land.

—Anika Pommers-Dear

Anika is 16 years old and lives in the Berkshires. She is a senior at Miss Hall's School in Pittsfield, MA.

**...of Environmental Leaders**

# Message in a Bottle Found!

By Nina Sander, Education Specialist

On August 10th, 2010 the students and crew of *Clearwater's Advanced Young Women at the Helm* program tossed a bottle into the river while on a passage from Catskill to Hudson, NY. In it they had sealed messages detailing their adventures aboard and their hopes for the future of the Hudson River. On Friday, September 3rd the bottle was discovered in West Camp, NY, 20 miles south of its starting point. The following is an excerpt of an email we received from its finders:



Pictured above, Pamela Wolf, long-time *Clearwater* volunteer, tossing the bottle in honor of her 75th birthday!

Dear *Clearwater* Women and Girls,

We were delighted to find an exciting surprise on our beach in West Camp, NY on September 3rd. My husband and I found the bottle near the spot where my siblings, cousins and I have gone swimming every summer since we were little kids. Now we are in our 40's and still have a great love for the Hudson. My two daughters and my niece opened the bottle... All of the papers with your letters were intact and dry, and now about 25 of our relatives and friends who were gathered for the last vacation weekend of the summer have read it and told us of the many times they had seen the sloop *Clearwater* passing our family's property on its journeys up and down the river. Your messages spoke of the good times you had enjoyed, and we were all thrilled to hear about what you learned and how you lived onboard. So, thank you for sharing your stories. We had an idea that we could put everything back inside and give the bottle once again to the mighty Hudson to see how far she could carry the message – perhaps out to the ocean, perhaps to Long Island, who knows? We hope you are all well and happy and holding onto fond memories of your time on the *Clearwater*!

Best wishes to all of you from all of us!  
Ellen, Kyra, Rheannon, and Faron

E, K, R, and F, thank you so much for your kind words! We are thrilled that the bottle was found by people who share our love of the Hudson. If you do set the bottle adrift again, don't forget to include your own letter to the river. Who knows who may find it next? We hope that its messages will continue to connect others to the river and inspire them to love and protect it.

## Young Women... (continued from page 7)

In the years since we started, we have gotten terrific feedback from the students and their teachers. We have seen many of our alumni return two and three times, saying it is the highlight of their summer. This has enabled us to expand the program into a franchise.

Over the course of several years at *Clearwater*, I have had the good fortune to work with a cadre of highly skilled and passionate crewmembers and educators, starting with the indefatigable Allyson Bizer-Knox, who truly got the proverbial ball rolling, creating curriculum and doing countless hours of outreach, and, most importantly, securing funding. Many educators have seen Ally's efforts come to fruition, including the hard-working Shelley Berlincourt, the ever-cheerful Jeannine Cahill-Jackson, the no-nonsense (and erstwhile Captain) Julia Wilson and our current dynamos, Majja Niemistö and Nina Sander.

These programs are life changing and not just for the students, but for the staff, crew, and volunteers who have the privilege to work with them onboard our dynamic ship on our glorious river. I know they have enriched the life of this grateful captain far more than I could ever put into words.

### Clearwater's 2010 newly-named Youth Empowerment Programs include:

- ◆ **Young Women at the Helm**  
The original program, going strong after eight years.
- ◆ **Young Women at the Helm, second session**  
A program for advanced students and taking the curriculum even further.
- ◆ **The LGBTQ session**  
Now in its second year, the program has turned out to be a crucial experience for young people who often feel unaccepted and judged by superficial means instead of by merit.
- ◆ **Young Men at the Helm**  
Also in its very successful second year.



Photo courtesy of Clearwater education staff.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT:

**Ashley Charles, 16**  
**Harbor School, NYC**

Clearwater's Education department added a new rung in our "ladder of leadership" this season with a New York Harbor School Maritime Scholar. The Harbor School is an Urban Assembly School in New York City founded by Murray Fisher; once a volunteer aboard *Clearwater*. The entire freshman class now sails aboard *Clearwater* and the *Mystic Whaler* in the spring and many of the students return for our *Young Women and Young Men at the Helm* summer leadership programs. This year Ashley Charles was selected as the first Maritime Scholar aboard the boat. She spent three weeks living and working beside the crew and here's what she has to say about her experience with us:

"My name is Ashley Charles and I am a New York Harbor School Maritime Scholar. "Sheet in! Sheet in! Faster!... Gybe Ho!" has become my favorite cry. Three weeks ago, I never could have imagined how drastically my life would change. A relative greenhorn sailor, I jumped at the opportunity to be The Maritime Scholar aboard *Clearwater*. Through infinite dedication and patience, the crew of *Clearwater* guided me through my mistakes and helped me improve them. By my last day, I was one with the sloop.

Always interested in the way things work, I immediately fell to shadowing the engineer, Aubrey Gallegos. I was amazed at how willing she was to teach me. Through the weeks, I set up shore power for the boat, worked the generator, changed the oil filter and fell asleep in the engine room on a nautical book. I learned core skills and the crew gave me a new outlook on the opportunities available in the wide world.

When I thought about my connection to the Hudson, I realized that we rely on it to bring in trade, industry, travelers, and new things to my eyes. The Hudson River is not just any body of water; it is ours. We can change the universe by being who we are and we can change the state of this water by speaking out. Today, I can proudly say my name is Ashley Charles and I am a sailor!"

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– Ashley Charles

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**Fair winds and Farewell to a Clearwater Friend**

*It is with sorrow that I add these lines to our Navigator. A great friend of our beloved sloop, Neil Cox, has passed away. Neil, along with his brother George, has been our gracious landlord at the legendary Lynch's Marina in Saugerties for many years, allowing us to maintain the closest thing we have to a home for the sloop.*

*Lynch's Marina has been our winter maintenance home since long before I arrived, and has hosted countless winter visitors at a time when all but the crew might find no access to Clearwater until the river thaws. Under Neil's watchful eye, we could get our crucial maintenance work done and maintain important community ties. Though the arrival of "the boss" in his deep red sedan may have sent a nervous deckhand running to find a captain, he was a good man to work with. He was firm but fair, treated the captains with respect and asked only the same in return. On a good day, if you had the time, you could pull up a stump with him and hear some juicy old Saugerties stories of the politics, the creek, and the famed old Steamboat Inn.*

*We wish all the best to his children and family, and will be sure to raise a glass of grog in his honor.*

–Samantha Heyman Hicks, Captain

# Clearwater and HRECOS: The Sloop Becomes a Data Collector

By Dave Conover, Education Director

This spring, the sloop *Clearwater* was installed with a sonde, an electronic sensor that records water quality information about the Hudson River and then sends the data via cell phone signal to the Internet where it is made available to scientists, teachers, students, and anyone online. This effort has made *Clearwater* part of HRECOS, or Hudson River Environmental Conditions Observing System, which includes a 130-mile network of sensors from New York to Albany, providing continuous, real-time data about the Hudson River. *Clearwater's* sonde picks up information about the river's salinity, turbidity, dissolved oxygen, and water temperature. It also has a GPS function that allows anyone online to see *Clearwater's* current location.

HRECOS has essentially turned the sloop into a mobile water quality sensor that is recording valuable data that is made available to scientists. In addition, the sonde has allowed *Clearwater* to enlarge the impact of our sail programs. Teachers can use the information from HRECOS to develop broader and more in-depth programs using data about environmental conditions found on the Hudson. *Clearwater* is



developing activities that teachers will be able to use with their students either before or after a sail on the sloop.

The HRECOS website is a terrific resource that helps bring the data to life through engaging stories that connect water quality to observed conditions, such as tides, storm surges, fish migration and mortality, thermal plumes from Indian Point, and acid rain. Teachers can also find lesson plans put together by HRECOS partners such as the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies. Students can go to the site after their sail, see where they sailed and what the river conditions were at the time they were onboard. They can also compare their data to that on other parts for the river and at other times of year. It's all intended to make science and the Hudson more real for students.

*Clearwater's* HRECOS sensor was installed by the Stevens Institute of Technology with funding provided by the Hudson River Foundation.

To track the sloop and see the system in action, visit the *Clearwater* website ([www.clearwater.org](http://www.clearwater.org)) or go to HRECOS at [www.hrecos.org](http://www.hrecos.org).

## Help *Clearwater* Sail Where She is Needed Most

By Catherine Stankowski, Sail Coordinator

A key component of *Clearwater's* mission, and of Pete Seeger's founding vision, has always been to forge a connection between the Hudson River and its people. A common misperception of *Clearwater's* onboard education program is that we operate within a model of privilege, sailing primarily with private and parochial schools – schools with large budgets and sizeable financial support from parents. In fact, *Clearwater* primarily serves students enrolled in public education; 64% of the groups who sailed with us in the spring 2010 sailing season were public school groups.

Operating a large, historic wooden vessel like *Clearwater* is an expensive proposition. In keeping with our goal to make the program as affordable as possible, we raise funds so we can offer sails to education and youth groups at 50% of our operating cost. This discounted program fee of \$1,250 still remains beyond the reach of many groups that have seen their budgets cut, or never had much of a fieldtrip budget to begin with. As part of *Clearwater's* commitment to addressing the needs of underserved and inner city populations, we do our best not to turn away any educational group based on ability to pay. In our spring season alone, we issued almost \$9,000 in full and partial scholarships to eight groups who applied for assistance. The funding for these scholarships comes primarily from

the financial support of our members, and for that, we thank you!

The Children's Village Sanctuary Program, Westchester County's only shelter for runaway and homeless youth, is one group who took part in our subsidized programs. The Sanctuary provides a safe place for youth between the ages of 12-17, and services to help young people in crisis take control of their lives. Our partnership with the Sanctuary Program is in its second year. Joseph Vera, program coordinator, had this to say about the impact that *Clearwater's* programs have had on the youth in his program:

"It is hard to say what each of us felt at the end of our sail. I know that we were all sad that the sail was over. The youth, family, friends and staff walked away from *Clearwater* with a deep sense of connection not only to the river and its environment, but also to its history. It changed our view of the river; it made us part of the river; its history and its future."

In addition to several Title I schools, we were also excited to partner with The Abyssinian Development Corporation's YouthBuild program, a grassroots non-profit organization serving the community in Harlem, providing work training and GED programs for out-of-school youth. Experiencing *Clearwater's* onboard environmental education program helps improve the environmental literacy of the





*Experiencing Clearwater's onboard environmental education program helps to improve the environmental literacy of the participants and exposes them to a spectrum of opportunities with Clearwater that can culminate in employment in the environmental and maritime fields.*

program's participants, exposing them to a spectrum of opportunities that can culminate in employment in the environmental and maritime fields.

You can help ensure that kids from all backgrounds get the chance to experience Clearwater by supporting the organization, by maintaining your membership or making a donation. Please consider sponsoring a local school or educational program whose participants could benefit from our programs. You can also support Clearwater by introducing our programs to school administrators. Contact me at the Clearwater office to find out other ways to help. Thank you!

For more information on how you can help, contact Catherine Stankowski, Sail Coordinator, at: [Catherine@clearwater.org](mailto:Catherine@clearwater.org).

# 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](http://www.clearwater.org) for schedule details.**

# In the Name of Protecting Clean Water!

By Victor-Pierre Melendez, Environmental Associate

On July 20th, Clearwater's founder, Peter Seeger, banjo in hand, led a protest against hydraulic fracturing ("hydrofracking") during a press conference outside the NYS Senate Chambers in Albany, calling for the NYS Legislature to pass a moratorium on this essentially unregulated technology. Speakers included actor and director Mark Ruffalo and Clearwater Board President Allan Shope. Before anyone knew it, Pete had protestors, State Senators and reporters singing together "This Land is Your Land; This Land is My Land" and "God's Counting on Me, God's Counting on You," complete with a special verse about fracking. This form of inspirational activism was reminiscent of the impromptu concert held years ago in the halls of Congress in the early 1970's when Pete and the *Clearwater* crew sailed to Washington, DC to deliver hundreds of thousands of signatures urging Congress to adopt the Clean Water Act, which passed over then-President Richard Nixon's veto.



Folk singer and environmental activist Pete Seeger lends his voice at a Hydrofracking Rally in Albany on July 20, 2010, with Actor/Director Mark Ruffalo at his side (photo courtesy of Times Union).

Just as Pete's trip to Washington, DC inspired cleaning up our nation's waters, this year's event was clearly a tipping point in NY's opposition to hydrofracking. With the support of celebrities like Pete Seeger, Mark Ruffalo and many others, and thousands of signatures on letters and petitions from concerned citizens, two weeks later, on August 4, 2010, the New York State Senate passed the Thompson Moratorium (S.8129-B) by a vote of 48 to 9. Buoyed by this success, Clearwater continued collecting signatures to support the Hydrofracking Moratorium. In September an electronic petition went to all 20,000 Clearwater members and supporters, and signatures were forwarded to bill co-sponsors Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver and Energy Chairperson Kevin Cahill, and sponsor, Robert K. Sweeney.

Hudson River Sloop Clearwater, Inc. now joins many other citizen and environmental groups in urging Speaker Silver to convene a special session of the Assembly this fall to pass the Sweeney Moratorium (A.11443-B) bill that will suspend the issuance of permits for hydrofracking, until May 15, 2011, which gives the State Legislature and the Department of Environmental Conservation more time to review and assess the true environmental and health impacts of horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracturing.

If fracking is a new term to you, it's an important one for residents of New York, and Pennsylvania and others who live on what is known as the Marcellus Shale—a geographic formation that

stretches north from West Virginia and contains one of the largest natural-gas deposits in the world. Hydraulic fracturing uses large volumes of water, sand and a proprietary chemical mixture—including known toxins and carcinogens—which are injected into wells at extremely high pressure to fracture bedrock and release and capture natural gas. Marcellus and Utica shales, which are located in parts of the Catskill-Delaware portion of the New York City water supply, are targeted for hydrofracking due to the large quantities of gas trapped within the rocks of these low-permeability reservoirs.

Given the BP Oil Spill, we do not want to incur the same disastrous results of lax oversight in our region, especially when cleaner sources of renewable energy and energy efficiency are readily at hand.

#### Additional Links:

If you haven't yet seen Josh Fox's documentary, GASLAND, go to [www.gaslandthemovie.com](http://www.gaslandthemovie.com) for HBO listings; also available through HBO On-Demand and coming soon to theaters near you. Watch the trailer at <http://gaslandthemovie.com/trailer>.

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# Advancing Environmental Justice: Clearwater's 2010 Angler Survey



By Karla Raimundi, Esq., Clearwater Environmental Justice Associate

As part of the Peekskill community-based environmental justice project, and under the direction of Dr. Joanna Burger of Rutgers University, Clearwater has revised our 1993 Angler Survey and is interviewing fishermen along the waterfront from Verplanck to Annsville Creek. The goal of this survey is to assess the consumption practices of local fishers, if they or their families are eating fish and crabs from the Hudson River, and if they are aware of the health advisories related to Hudson River fish due to PCBs, mercury, and other contaminants.

Since this past May, our wonderful team of surveyors has been interviewing local anglers – and having a great time doing so! We need to complete 150 interviews to assure that the survey is statistically valid.

After we have completed the surveys, Clearwater will collaborate with local partners and stakeholders, including Citizens for Equal Environmental Protection (CEEP) and the Peekskill Environmental Justice Council,



As part of the Angler Survey project, Clearwater's Karla Raimundi, Esq., is interviewing Ernest "Crab Master" Rodriguez, a subsistence fisherman, on the Jan Peek Bridge in Fishkill.

to undertake a strong educational campaign along this same stretch of waterfront. The intention is to inform the waterfront communities that participated in the survey about limiting fish consumption and utilizing safer practices for cleaning and preparing fish they catch, as indicated in the NY State Department of Health Fish Advisories. The advisories currently recommend an "eat-none" policy for women of childbearing age and children under 15, and consumption limits ranging from one crab per week to one fish per month, depending on species, for adult males and women past childbearing age.

For more information about the NY State Department of Health Fish Advisories, please visit <http://www.nyhealth.gov/environmental/outdoors/fish/fish.htm>.

For more information about Clearwater's Angler Survey, please contact Karla Raimundi, Esq. at [karla@clearwater.org](mailto:karla@clearwater.org) or 845-265-8080 ext. 7159.

## Stemming the Flow of Stormwater Runoff

By Jen Rubbo, Clearwater Environmental Action Educator

Beacon, Poughkeepsie, and Kingston are three river cities in the process of revitalizing their downtowns and developing their waterfronts. Now, with help from Clearwater, they are also three cities that are on the cutting edge of planning for new sustainable ways to control stormwater and restore the water quality in our watersheds and the Hudson River. Starting this year, Clearwater is working with the Hudson Valley Regional Council to develop conceptual plans for 10 Green Infrastructure (GI) projects in each of these three cities. The project will educate volunteers in GI techniques and facilitate ongoing planning, implementation, and maintenance of green infrastructure practices and programs, as well as provide technical assistance in locating funding and other resources for longer-term project implementation.

Green Infrastructure is the new buzzword in stormwater management, but what exactly does this mean? Simply put, it is a set of approaches and technologies that maintain, restore, or mimic the natural flow of water in the landscape. A range of practices exist, from practical, easy to install techniques such as rain barrels and rain gardens to more complicated, high-tech endeavors,

such as green roofs and permeable pavement. The common thread is that GI practices use natural processes to reduce the amount of runoff that may occur after a rainstorm or snow melt. This means harvesting water, using native vegetation, to soak the water up, and increasing infiltration of water into the ground. All of these processes help reduce and filter the runoff going into our streams, rivers, and sewer systems.

Along with the many other challenges cities face, mandates from the federal government require high population areas to regulate stormwater runoff, and rightfully so. As water flows over the increasing acreages of pavement, sidewalks and other impervious surfaces, it brings with it all the debris, sediment, and pollutants that are on those surfaces and deposits them directly into the nearest waterway or sewer system. GI practices offer economical, aesthetically pleasing and, most importantly, sustainable ways to face these storm water challenges. By helping communities through education and active planning, Clearwater hopes to continue the fight to clean up the Hudson River by protecting our watersheds using innovative tools such as Green Infrastructure.

### Examples of Green Infrastructure Practices:

Rain Gardens, Rain Barrels, Cisterns, Vegetated Swales, Green Roofs, Constructed Wetlands, Tree Plantings, Permeable Paving, Sand and Organic Filters, Green Walls, Tree Box Filters, Infiltration Planters, Riparian Buffers

### Project Information

<http://www.hudsonvalleyregionalcouncil.com>



Pictured above, participants learn how to make their own rainbarrels at a Rainbarrel Building Workshop, hosted by Clearwater at their Beacon office. The workshop was part of the Green Infrastructure Project and took place during Dutchess County's Watershed Awareness Month (photo by Jen Rubbo).

# PCB Clean-Up: Peer Reviewers Weigh in on Phase 2

By Manna Jo Greene, Environmental Director

Ten years ago, we asked our members, municipalities, and community groups in the Hudson River watershed to support the removal of large amounts of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) from the Upper Hudson “hotspots.” Clearwater promised to closely monitor the progress of remediation through the remedial design phase, the actual clean-up, and post-remediation monitoring – a commitment that we are conscientiously honoring.

During the summer and fall of 2009, 10 of the 18 sites scheduled for remediation during Phase 1 were dredged, with overall excellent results. However, 2009 was a challenging dredging season due to high rainfall that caused excessive turbulence in the river. The big surprise last year was that approximately 50% more PCB-contaminated sediment was discovered under a false bottom of woody debris – far more than had been predicted by the remedial design or the Engineering Performance Standards (EPS) for re-suspension, residuals, and productivity, which govern the project. Delays in unloading and a dredge-test-re-dredge regime resulted in multiple passes and work areas, called Certification Units, or CUs, being left open longer, which resulted in increased re-suspension. However, much more sediment was removed from these ten CUs than planned – and that bodes well for the long-term prognosis for the river and its ecosystem.

2010 has been a time for reflection and re-evaluation before dredging resumes in 2011. An independent panel of experts, convened by General Electric and the US Environmental Protection Agency, will evaluate the Phase 1 strengths and weakness and make recommendations for improving operations and revising the performance standards for Phase 2, which is scheduled to begin next spring. The Peer Review Panel heard a series of presentations by GE and EPA, and took comment from other agencies and the public. Joint comments from Clearwater, NRDC, Riverkeeper, Scenic Hudson, and others from the Friends of a Clean Hudson Coalition can be found at [www.clearwater.org/environmental-action/pcb-contamination](http://www.clearwater.org/environmental-action/pcb-contamination).

On September 10, 2010, the Peer Review Panel issued their final report, which recommended ways to refine and improve the EPS and in-field practices to “optimize remedial operations, while limiting unintended consequences and adverse environmental impacts.” The process is now subject to negotiations between EPA and GE. The 2006 Consent Decree for this project allows GE to opt-in, or opt-out of, Phase 2. EPA, however, reserves the right to issue a Unilateral Administrative Order (UAO) that requires GE to do the cleanup; alternately, EPA could do it themselves and charge GE, as the responsible party, triple damages.

The Peer Review Panel acknowledged that, while there were serious challenges during Phase 1, the effort was successful and that Phase 2 should proceed in 2011 with appropriate adjustments that are based on good data and sound science.

## Recommendations from the Peer Review Panel include:

- Measuring Depth of Contamination:** Improved accuracy of Depth of Contamination (DoC) is critical to designing an effective dredging program that will reduce the number of dredging passes and close work areas (“CUs”) as soon as possible. GE should use more precise bathymetry, redo all incomplete cores and confirm complete cores to assure a more accurate elevation-based dredge design.
- Downstream Load:** GE and EPA should work together to develop a model that will predict long-term impacts of re-suspension due to dredging on sediment and fish in both the upper and lower Hudson, as compared to taking no action. This collaboratively developed model should use the same data sets, units of measurements and definitions, and should place more emphasis on Tri+ PCBs (those with 3 or more chlorines per molecule) than Total PCBs. Tri+ are heavier congeners that tend to bioaccumulate in fish and pose greater health risks to humans. Because the total amount of PCB inventory is still unknown, there should not be a limit to the amount of PCB mass to be removed or a fixed cap on re-suspension. However, it is reasonable to target a very small percentage of the mass to be removed as the allowable load that will inevitably be redeposited outside of the dredging area or washed downstream to the lower Hudson. The peer review recommends setting an interim re-suspension standard for 2011 of 2% Tri+ PCBs at the Thompson Island Dam (TIP) and 1% Tri+ at Waterford, to be reevaluated at the end of the season. A 500 parts per trillion (ppt) threshold of PCBs in the water column at Waterford should trigger operational changes, not a shutdown, since Waterford is not using the Hudson for its water supply during remediation.
- Best Practices:** GE and EPA should agree on best management practices (BMPs) for addressing operational issues that arise during dredging, and then practice adaptive management as needed on an ongoing basis.
- Interrelationship of Performance Standards:** The project’s productivity schedule should be subordinate to preventing re-suspension and reducing residual left in the river. In fact, with more PCBs in the river than originally known, it will clearly take more than 5 years to complete Phase 2, even with high productivity rates.
- Dredge in the direction of flow:** Work should proceed from upriver and move downstream to catch any sediment that may be re-suspended into areas that will be subsequently dredged, which rules out a GE recommendation to address priority sites and then go back and dredge more if time allows and re-

suspension standards that have not been exceeded.



- **Navigational dredging:** Capping in the navigation channel should be avoided; if capping must occur, it should be done to assure a minimum draft of 14 feet. [Note: The Peer Review Panel was not tasked to address any areas of the river outside of the dredge area delineation (DAD). However, NY State Canal Corporation estimates that more than 620,000 cubic yards of PCB-contaminated sediment have been excluded from the initial dredging project, and still needs to be removed from the navigation channel to restore commercial traffic to the Upper Hudson. PCB contamination has prevented New York State from dredging the Hudson River portion of the Champlain Canal for over 30 years. Clearwater believes that navigational dredging should occur simultaneously with environmental dredging, not after the project is completed at taxpayer expense, and we urge our members to join us in this request. This additional dredging is a small fraction of the overall work and will not significantly extend the project. If GE really wants to demonstrate “eco-imagination,” restoring the Hudson to its full use by commercial vessels is a great place to start – and this work could be counted against natural resources damages yet to be assessed.]

- **Ongoing re-evaluation:** Dredging should resume in 2011 (Year 1 of Phase 2) by focusing on the remaining eight CUs left over from Phase 1 to test the improved coring protocol and revised Engineering Performance Standards – and EPA and GE should meet between each dredging season to refine their targets and protocols.

### Quick and dirty shortcuts are not acceptable

Citing the Peer Review’s recommendation for closing work areas as soon as possible, GE recommends doing only one dredge pass in each work area, followed by placing a layer of backfill or a thicker, sturdier cap, depending on the volume and concentration of PCBs left in the river. However, if DoC is again faulty, a large amount of residual PCB inventory could be left in the river, and might be subject to future release. GE is only responsible to maintain the caps for 30 years, after which, the problem reverts back to the public (i.e. us, the taxpayers). While we agree with most of the Peer Review’s findings, Clearwater and our sister organizations believe that it may not be possible to remove all the PCB inventory in one dredging pass (plus a 4-inch overcut), and that in addition to backfilling or capping options, re-dredging may be necessary if high levels of contamination are found after the first pass is complete. The Record of Decision’s preferred remedy called for removal, NOT capping – and to only use capping in very specific circumstances as a last resort.

Clearwater’s message to GE is to **opt in to the clean-up this year** and to commit to getting the job done as thoroughly and efficiently as possible – for once and for all.



## Volunteer Highlights

This last year was truly inspiring at Clearwater. Hundreds of new volunteers joined the team of thousands who have worked together over the years to lead this great grassroots effort.

Last summer and fall we worked on “Revamping the Camp,” where many of you helped clean up and renovate a run down house and to turn it into a thriving, modern office. More of you helped with the big move and transition, and as we started to settle in, many more signed up to work regularly in the office and assist us in our daily work.

Every week during our sailing season, volunteers have worked alongside our sloop crew living onboard, helping to sail our ship and teach our education program.

This year we also hosted volunteer work days and family events in Beacon, by cleaning up the property and planting the gardens. Our friends at M&T Bank came in and volunteered a day, by donating supplies and working together to refurbish the Infirmary for *Camp Clearwater*.

Then there was this year’s Revival! What a great volunteer family event as over 850 volunteers worked together to plan, organize, and host an amazing Festival. Everyone enjoyed a gorgeous weekend full of music and fun.

This year the Revival Planning Committee (RPC) has redefined a committee and created a few new committees. We would like to highlight some long time volunteers who stepped up to help lead and new volunteers who joined the efforts of the RPC.

M.J. Wilson and Kat McCarthy brought new leadership and ideas to the Litterpicking/Recycling Committee, as we continue to move the Festival to a Zero Waste event. Ellen and John Monten, as the new coordinators for the Volunteer Camping Committee, and Deb Kavanah, as the coordinator for the new Audience Camping Committee, worked to reorganize the camping areas and bring more service and hospitality to the Festival camping experience. It is very exciting to have these volunteers join the important effort of the Revival Planning Committee.

With all of you bringing your time and talents to work together, we would like to give you a big hand. Thank you for such an amazing year of volunteering at Clearwater!



# Holiday Giving: Your Support Keeps Us Sailing!

*Books, music, and movies make great presents, and your purchase supports Clearwater*

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 Clearwater's 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. Books, music and movies make great presents for everyone on your holiday shopping list!

## Clearwater's Key to Hudson River Fishes - 3rd ed. Now Available!

Clearwater's Key to Common Hudson River Fishes – a long-time staple of our education program – has been updated, and reprinted and is now available! The new edition is beautifully redesigned and printed on durable waterproof paper. The Clearwater Fish Key was created to identify species of fish most likely to be encountered in the Hudson River estuary and is a great book for anglers, students, educators, researchers, and the general public. This guide is easy to use and provides a systematic tool that introduces students to scientific identification methods. Price is **\$20**, or **\$15** for students, teachers, educators, and Clearwater members.

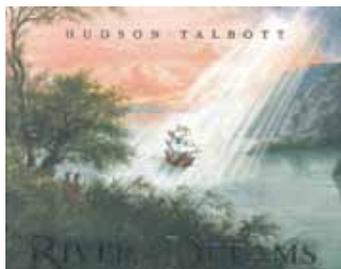
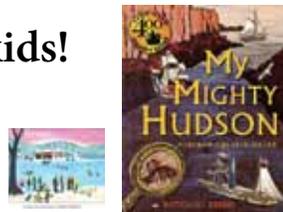


## This Year's Holiday SPECIAL: Clearwater Woodcut Print

Don't miss this opportunity to purchase this wonderful Clearwater keepsake that has been made available to the public. This woodcut print, created by printmaker John Neilsen, features a charming scene of the sloop sailing on the Hudson River. The print is 28.5" x 22," suitable for framing and would make a wonderful gift for any Clearwater friend. Originally priced at \$45, this limited edition print is now available for **\$27**, or 40% off the original price!

## Books & tees for the kids!

- My Mighty Hudson: \$9.95**
- River of Dreams: \$17.95**
- River Wild: \$14.95**
- Follow the Water: \$5.99**
- River: \$5.95**
- Kids t-shirts: \$12.00**



## Blast from the Past!



*One of our favorite limited edition items – no longer available, but worth a look!*

## To order:

To have your order sent as a gift, please include packing and shipping instructions. Holiday delivery is only guaranteed on orders placed by December 17th. To place an order, please visit us online at <http://www.clearwater.org/shop/> or call 845-265-8080, ext 7119.

We are always looking for suggestions on items of interest to sell. If you have a favorite item from the past (see sweater guys above), or a new item that you would like to see in the Clearwater store, please let me know. You may contact me at [ann@clearwater.org](mailto:ann@clearwater.org).

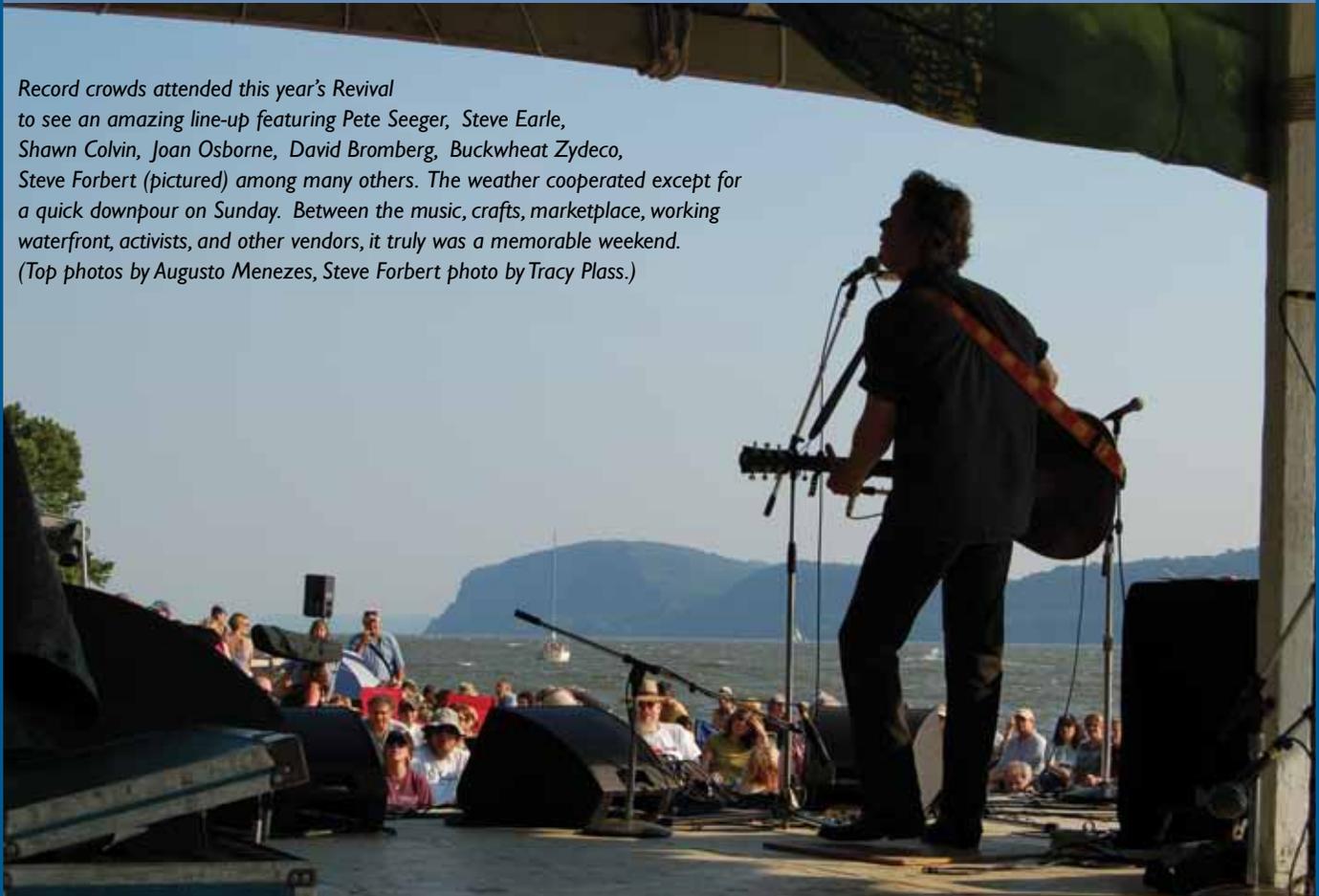


Festival attendees hauled in a beach seine.



*A huge thank you to all of our 2010 Festival Volunteers!*

Record crowds attended this year's Revival to see an amazing line-up featuring Pete Seeger, Steve Earle, Shawn Colvin, Joan Osborne, David Bromberg, Buckwheat Zydeco, Steve Forbert (pictured) among many others. The weather cooperated except for a quick downpour on Sunday. Between the music, crafts, marketplace, working waterfront, activists, and other vendors, it truly was a memorable weekend. (Top photos by Augusto Menezes, Steve Forbert photo by Tracy Plass.)



# News from the Annual Meeting

*A Musical Conversation and Board of Directors' Election*

By Heidi Kitlas, Development Director

A happy 80th birthday to our good friend David Amram! Clearwater was thrilled to have David Amram as the keynote speaker for this year's Annual Gathering on September 19. David's career as a composer, musician, conductor, and writer has had tremendous impact throughout the world and is a wonderful example for our youth, in particular for the *Power of Song* program.

David Amram is turning 80, yet he made us all feel younger and more hopeful for a better future. "He is a wonderful and empowering elder who sets an enduring example for our Clearwater Family," says Jeff Rumpf, Executive Director. "He is a shining example of the power of song... his music and spirit inspire us all as we work to create the next generation of environmental leaders."

Frances Dunwell of the Hudson River Estuary Program of the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, a great supporter of the Hudson River Valley, spoke about how collaboration with organizations like Clearwater can accomplish amazing results along the river. We are fortunate to have such a great partner and we look forward to continuing to work with them.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the 2010 Annual Gathering and a special thanks to *Walkabout Clearwater Chorus* and

the *Power of Song* for sharing their inspiring musical talent.

At our board meeting, eight new members were elected to Clearwater's Board of Directors and four current Board members were re-elected. This is a diverse and energetic group who are excited to support the organization's mission. We are pleased to include a short background on each member elected.

## New Board Members:

William Cox is currently the Director of Projects at the Solar Energy Consortium. He manages the planning of alternative energy projects including photovoltaic, solar thermal, geo thermal, LED lighting, and wind. William is a retired IBM engineering manager. William's past volunteer activities include Director of People's Place, the food pantry in Kingston, NY; team leader for the Mid Hudson Valley Make-A-Wish children's holiday event; and Church Council president.

Francis Cruz first boarded sloop *Clearwater* in 2001 as part of the original class of *Young Women at the Helm*. She returned later that summer as an Urban Outreach Intern. She apprenticed onboard the sloop in July 2002 and was featured in the January/February 2003 issue of *Navigator*. Most recently, Francis crewed as an Education Intern in spring 2009. Currently, Francis teaches teens with autism at a Bronx high school for students with special needs and is pursuing her Master's degree in Teaching at Pace University.

Twenty-five years ago, David Fenner, MD, came to Poughkeepsie to join a small pediatric practice and is now one of the managing partners of the Children's Medical Group, with eight offices throughout the mid-Hudson Valley. For many years his professional



## Clearwater's New Board Members

Back row left to right: Frank Landsberger, David Fenner, William Cox, Roger Meyer.

Front row left to right: Alma Rodriguez, David Lebson, Francis Cruz, Ron Flax-Davidson



Julia Church

participation



*Pictured above, members of Clearwater's Power of Song apprentice program sing at the Annual Meeting. Members shown are from left: Joe Krzyzewski, Matt Emmer, Jacob Bernz, and Sarah Armour. Pictured below, David Amram at Annual Meeting (photos by Julia Church.)*



focus has been on nutrition, exercise and establishing healthy lifestyles for kids. As he has volunteered with Clearwater, he has begun to blend these interests, pushing kids to get outside and connect with nature.

Ron Flax-Davidson currently serves as VP – Business Development for CH Energy Group, Inc. In this position, he manages a team responsible for a portfolio of investments in renewable energy companies. He has served as Executive Director of the Colorado Public Interest Research Group and led a lawsuit to the United States Supreme Court that required the EPA to regulate the nuclear power industry that led to the break-up of the Atomic Energy Commission and the establishment of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Frank Landsberger, Ph.D. has vast experience as an academic, venture capitalist, start-up entrepreneur, and senior manager. Currently, he is President of York Ventures, LLC that provides strategic consulting services to venture capital firms, early stage companies and pension funds. He is Chairman of cool(E)motion foundation that sponsors work to promote the discussion of global warming. Frank initiated a program to bring Inuit children from the Children's Home of Uummannaq in Greenland to sail on *Clearwater*.

David Lebson is a sixth grade science teacher at The School at Columbia University. David has managed to bring his passions for environmental education and activism to his summer activities. David's love for sailing is evident in his work as a regular volunteer on *Clearwater* and the tallship *Hawaiian Chieftain*, which sails out of Grey's Harbor, WA. David is a long time supporter of Clearwater and is looking forward to using his passion and energy to benefit the organization in new ways.

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# Reunion at the New Clearwater Home

*A Celebration of University Settlement Camp's Past and Clearwater's Future*

By Eileen Newman, Development Associate

This October we are happy to celebrate our one-year anniversary of our move to the former University Settlement Camp in Beacon, NY. After almost four decades in Poughkeepsie, Hudson River Sloop Clearwater's headquarters moved downriver to a property located on nearly 100 acres of open space at the foot of Mount Beacon.

It is fitting that Clearwater did move to a property so well loved and with such a rich history. For almost 100 years, University Settlement operated University Settlement Camp, that provided a haven for New York City children, and an opportunity for thousands to escape urban life and experience nature for the first time.

In 2007, when the challenge of supporting a seasonal, residential camp became untenable, University Settlement sold the property. However, the original guiding principles of hope, tolerance, diversity, and community building remain alive and well with the camp's new resident, Hudson River Sloop Clearwater.

"The White House," Clearwater's office, sits nestled on a campus among hundreds of mature trees, rambling gardens, and weaving paths on a slight rise above a winding brook and a bustling section of Route 9 just outside of Beacon. Clearwater's founder, Pete Seeger, lived with his family for years in the White House, and was a regular presence at the Camp for decades. The New York



*"I first came to University Settlement camp when I was 6 years old, as a 'Robin.' It was a pivotal event in my life. Today I am thrilled to be here and so glad that this camp is not going away. I met amazing people here, in a peaceful environment that you couldn't find anywhere else. It is why I am who I am today."*

— Bruce Cohen,  
University Settlement Alum, 1957-72.

State Department of Parks and Recreation owns the property, and to manage the large tract of land, the State made a sub-lease arrangement with the City of Beacon to superintend most of the property as a public open space. In turn, Clearwater sub-leases the White House from the City of Beacon.

Remnants of the former Camp are everywhere. They can be seen in the custom tile work found on random paths and in the buildings that stretch up the mountain slope, and in tiny multi-colored hand prints that dot across walls, rocks, and trees. There are memories here, that echo through the large meadow in the center of the Campus that acts as a meeting place for many of the current Clearwater programs.

Clearwater, in a desire to connect with the vast history of its new home, contacted University Settlement of NYC, a fellow youth empowerment organization, to weave the threads of the Camp's history with its present position. Much in the spirit of both organizations, it was decided that a Reunion was in order.

On September 25, 2010, graduates from Clearwater's 2010 programs and alumni from the former University Settlement Camp joined in honoring the past, present, and future of youth outdoor environmental education programs in the Hudson Valley at the former USC campus. Young and old gathered to celebrate memories and



Julia Church

participation

A highlight of the day was a tile painting project.



accomplishments from both USC's programming, which ended in 2007, and from Clearwater's 2010 sloop-based and on-land education programs, such as our *Young Women and Young Men at the Helm*, and *Camp Clearwater*.

A highlight of the day was a tile-painting project. With heads bent over individual tiles, using a special tile paint, older alumni and young graduates worked on creating their tiles while sharing personal accounts of challenging exploits and learning experiences, and stories of lifelong friends made in their respective programs. The finished tiles will be incorporated into a mural at the entrance of the Clearwater office.

Our Reunion ended in the early afternoon with families leaving to return home, turning to wave to their new "camper" friends; it did not matter that the respective camper may have been several decades older. A reunion with music and sharing of stories is most certainly the best way to have celebrated our one-year anniversary in our new home.

Many thanks to all of our partners who have helped us put down new roots in beautiful Beacon. In no particular order and most certainly not a complete list, we thank our friends: Mayor Steve Gold; Mark Price, City of Beacon; Beacon Highway Department, in particular, Anthony "Zep" Thomaselli; Patrick Freedman & Family; the hundreds of volunteers (we can't thank you all enough); and all of our new Beacon Business friends, especially "Bob's," who have made certain that the office is fed and watered. We thank you!

If you or a family member has memories of the former University Settlement Camp, please send them to [office@clearwater.org](mailto:office@clearwater.org). We would love to hear from them!

## Give To Clearwater At The Office!

An *EarthShare payroll deduction* is one simple way to donate to Clearwater or more than 400 other environmental and conservation charities. Many corporate and government employers support EarthShare payroll giving. If yours doesn't, ask them to start. If it does, simply decide on a single deduction or a recurring small one from every paycheck.

Designate *Hudson River Sloop Clearwater* as one of your conservation charities.

For more information, go to [www.earthshare.org](http://www.earthshare.org) or contact Eileen Newman at [eileen@clearwater.org](mailto:eileen@clearwater.org).



## Staff Notes

### Julia Church, Communications Manager

Julia joined Clearwater in the summer of 2010, bringing 15 years of non-profit experience that includes four years as Communications Director with National Maritime Historical Society in Peekskill, NY and 11 years with Green Hill Center for North Carolina Art in Greensboro, NC. She has served on community festival organizing committees, granting committees, and has consulted for curatorial projects. Julia received her BFA from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and has a certificate in web development from Guilford College.

Originally from Virginia and a child of the South, she was raised on bluegrass music, southern cooking and warm summer nights of catching fireflies after dark. In 2005, Julia and her husband Randall moved to the Hudson Valley from Toronto, Ontario. She and Randall enjoy getting outside, paddling, primitive camping and hiking, and are delighted to call the Hudson River Valley home. She looks forward to building on Clearwater's communications strategy and promoting the organization's important message of preserving the Hudson River and inspiring the next generation of environmental leaders.



Robert Church

### Heidi Thorn, Administrative Assistant

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A native of Beacon, Heidi left to see the world and returned many years ago to plant roots with her partner. She is thrilled with all the positive changes in the community including the relocation of the Clearwater offices to the foot of beautiful Mt. Beacon.

In addition to being a paralegal, she has a degree in Exercise Science & Wellness. Heidi came to Clearwater in August 2010 bringing a diverse background in the private sector including administrative support to an engineering firm, a hospital wellness center, a law office, a marketing company and an appraisal service. She is excited about supporting the environmental mission and her true passion - the great outdoors. She can usually be spotted walking her yellow lab Belle around Beacon.



Brisey Castillo

## Goodbye, Again!

Clearwater bids a fond adieu to former office administrator, Adrienne Pettit, who has gone on in pursuit of wine expertise! She drove across the country last month and has begun an internship with Holdredge Wines in Healdsburg, California. I am sure she will wow her new folks with her professionalism, efficiency and knowledge. We'll miss Adrienne, but Clearwater's comings and goings often mimic that Eagles' song, "You can check out anytime you like.... but you can never leave!" We'll see her again!

# Charitable Giving in the Spotlight

*Planned Giving: Inspire Your Family and Friends*

Your inspiration may stem from the first time you sailed on *Clearwater*, experienced Revival, helped clean up the river, or supported our youth programs. Perhaps you have been a member since the early days or just joined this year; everyone has different memories with *Clearwater* that motivate them. You can ensure these moments continue for generations to come.

## The Seeger Society

Join The Seeger Society and leave a lasting legacy for the next generation of environmental leaders. As a member of the Society, there are many ways you can leave a legacy to sustain the next generation, while at the same time, providing yourself and your family (or other beneficiaries) with significant tax benefits.

In addition to outright, tax-deductible cash gifts, there are other creative ways to give, including:

- Gifts of stock or other assets
- A bequest in your Will
- A beneficiary designation
- Life Income Gifts insurance policy, 401(k) plan, or IRA
- Charitable Lead Trusts
- Endowment Fund



Planned gifts can offer many advantages to help you meet your overall financial goals, while simultaneously helping *Clearwater* in its long-term financial planning. They can also provide *Clearwater* with special opportunities that enable us to strengthen and improve our programs.

We would be pleased to work with you and your financial or tax advisor to establish the planned gift(s) that are most appropriate for you to achieve your financial planning goals. For more information, please contact Heidi Kitlas at 845-265-8080, ext. 7118 or [heidi@clearwater.org](mailto:heidi@clearwater.org).

# thank you!

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### Clearwater Membership Benefits:

- ◆ A subscription to the *Clearwater Navigator* – our biannual newsletter containing the top stories, bulletins, and calendar information about the Hudson River, Clearwater, and related waterway activities
- ◆ An opportunity to be a volunteer educator aboard the sloop *Clearwater* or our sister ship, the schooner *Mystic Whaler*
- ◆ 10% discount on Clearwater merchandise
- ◆ Discount admission and an opportunity to volunteer at Clearwater's annual music and environmental festival, the Great Hudson River Revival
- ◆ Discount admission to community outreach sails throughout the year
- ◆ A vote in the election of Clearwater's Board of Directors

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Hudson River Sloop Clearwater would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to Walkabout Clearwater for their thoughtful and generous gift check for \$5,160.00 given to us at Annual Meeting this year. This talented group's dedication and support throughout the years is an inspiration to all.



A Clearwater House Party was held on Sunday, April 25th at the home of Sylvia and Paul Lawler who generously allowed us the use of their 294 year old Stone House and restored Dutch Barn, located on the shores of the Hudson River in Coeymans, NY.

#### Special thanks to:

Chef Deven Furman who prepared the food, and Sylvia and Paul Lawler who allowed us use of their beautiful home, barn and grounds.

#### Thank you to the following bands:

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## New Board... (continued from page 19)

Roger Meyer is the founder of Level M, a brand solutions agency specializing in awareness campaigns. His ability to translate complex communication problems into award-winning messages has earned him engagements with NYC, NYCDEP, NPS, American Express, and many nonprofits. As a waterfront activist, Roger founded New York Outrigger. He served as president, directing beach-cleanups, youth-programs and helping Riverkeeper, Environmental Defense, NYCDEP, and parks. He is a member of "Mechanisms for Action" Task Force for the HFCQ Commission.

Alma Rodriguez is the Regional Director at Workforce Development Institute, covering the Hudson Valley. In her work with unions and working families, she partners with labor, educators, business and community leaders, economic development professionals, environmentalists, environmental justice and wage justice advocates. She also serves as an Advisory Board member of the Youth Construction Initiative Project. She is a former Principal at Kopp, Rodriguez & Associates, Associate Director of Membership and Public Education at Natural Resources Defense Council, and a Fellow at Pew Civic Entrepreneur Initiative, Pew Charitable Trust.

### Returning Board Members:

Scott Berwick is a folk singer, guitar and banjo player, and songwriter. He is the Chief Engineer at Hunter Mountain Ski Bowl and treasurer of Hunter Mountain Racing Foundation, Inc. Scott has dedicated 6 years to the board, including 2 years as interim treasurer, and is committed to our mission of environmental advocacy, environmental education, social justice, and the preservation of sloop *Clearwater*.

Susan Hito-Shapiro is a Rockland County attorney, specializing in environmental, NRC, real estate and entertainment law. She is a green building developer and LEED accredited professional. She and her husband started Goshen Green Farms, a biodynamic, organic farm, two years ago.

Eric Marshall currently performs research on solar cells at the IBM T.J. Watson Research Center. He was previously the founding Director of TryScience.org, a multilingual, global website that inspires millions of kids, parents, and teachers to engage with over 600 of the best science education institutions worldwide. He actively supports Clearwater's volunteer-based sloop clubs and is the former President of Riverlovers.

Allan Shope has been an architect for the past 30 years. He has been a Trustee of the Dutchess Land Conservancy for 10 years and is also a Trustee of the Cary Institute for Ecosystem Studies in Millbrook, NY. He owns Listening Rock Farm in Amenia, NY that includes a large working forest that has produced many of the white oak replacement pieces for sloop *Clearwater*.



## David Amram

Longtime Clearwater friend, David Amram, is celebrating his 80th year on the planet in a very special way! A concert in honor of the master of world music and multi-instrument virtuoso is presented by Jazz Forum Arts on November 11th at Symphony Space.

Joining David on stage that evening: T.S. Monk, John McEuen (Nitty Gritty Dirt Band), David Broza, Josh White Jr., Candido, Bobby Sanabria, the Amram Family Band, Larry Kerwin (Black 47), Joseph FireCrow, Matoaka Little Eagle, Roland Mousaa, The Sloop Singers, The Amani Winds, and current members and alumni of Amram's Quartets from last 40 years.

*A portion of the concert's proceeds will be donated to Clearwater.*

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