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## Educated Educators

By Maija Niemistö, Director of Shipboard Programs

Clearwater's education staff had a wonderful opportunity to experience the Hudson River from a new perspective this summer. In July, through the Environmental Consortium of Hudson Valley Colleges and Universities, Dave Conover, Clearwater's Education Director and I participated in "River Summer," a weeklong intensive field-based learning opportunity on the Research Vessel, *Seawolf*.

For each leg of the voyage, we were joined by scientists, professors, and experts on the estuary to share their knowledge on 2011's theme of "Perspectives on Climate Change and the Hudson River: A Look at the Past, Present, and Future." We gathered data on the water quality, fish, and plankton populations and participated in discussions and exercises focused on climactic changes to our river communities.

I gained a wealth of new information about the Hudson River while sharing the week with teachers, professors, artists, scientists, and mariners aboard the 80-foot trawler.

Captain Steven Cluett and Professors Tim Kenna and Margie Turrin led us on investigations into the physical, ecological, and societal impacts that water level and temperature rise will have on the Hudson Valley.

"River Summer" gave our staff the chance to be students again and to bring back the latest estuarine research and information to Clearwater's Sailing Classroom program.



*Baby Atlantic Sturgeon*

## on the cover



Clearwater celebrated the 10th season of Young Women at the Helm, a three-day leadership program for girls ages 15 to 18. Pictured here is the class of 2011 as they arrived in Catskill, NY for a closing ceremony this past August. Read more about the YWH program on page 4. Photo by Julia Church.

# Clearwater and Jobs: Putting the ECO into our Economy

Jeff Rumpf, Executive Director

When I started working at Clearwater 5 years ago, Pete handed me a book from the early 1990s titled, *A Green City Program for the San Francisco Bay and Beyond*, and on it he wrote, "Here's what they do in SF. We can learn from this."

The concept of greening our cities has been popularized more recently by activist and environmental leader, Van Jones, with his New York Times best seller, *The Green Collar Economy*. Jones lays out a vision for a new sustainable economy in our most challenged cities in his book, and supports the idea that the future of the environmental movement must begin by our building a sustainable green economy where people live concentrated in the cities, so that the surrounding natural areas would be preserved.

Pete said that he feared for our impending economic fall – and perhaps the falling off of a cliff, as a species – if we do not begin to live in harmony with nature.

As usual Pete was right, and I believe we are experiencing the negative effects of an economy too focused on the use and abuse of our natural resources.

Thankfully, during the last 5 years, Clearwater has heeded Pete's wisdom. We are currently working with urban environmental leaders who have a vision for a low carbon/high quality of life, where vibrant, clean, green, livable cities are not only good for our economy, but also good for our ecology. Clearwater is focused on how the mighty Hudson River and her watersheds provide an important component of our sustainable future.

Right now, ten Economic Development Councils located throughout New York State are deciding what our economic priorities will be for the next 5 years. Clearwater is helping to shape the decisions.



Water/Blueway Issues:	Water/Blueway Opportunities:
<p>♦ <b>Waterfront Revitalization for Revived Cities:</b> Post-industrial riverfront communities are in need of revitalization. They have a high disproportion of our region's unemployment, poverty, and pollution.</p>	<p>♦ <b>Opportunity:</b> Waterfronts are key drivers of economic development. Clearwater's new Home Port in Kingston with Hudson River Maritime Museum will be a driver of economic revitalization on the waterfront and in the City of Kingston! This historic project offers yet another key opportunity for energizing economic growth in the Hudson Valley. (see back cover story).</p>
<p>♦ <b>Water for Work:</b> Clean, abundant water is incredibly important for the growth of residential, industrial, and agricultural businesses – all of which are active in the Mid-Hudson region. Nationally and internationally, cities are running out of continuous access to clean water sources and will be at grave risk without proper planning and implementation of preservation and protection practices.</p>	<p>♦ <b>Opportunity:</b> Clearwater fights to protect the clean water that attracts clean residential, industrial, and agricultural businesses. Our current major efforts to stop major pollution from PCBs, Indian Point, and hydrofracking are critical.</p>
<p>♦ <b>Watersheds at Risk:</b> Communities must meet the standards of the Clean Water Act and other federal, state, and local regulations. However, the sources of water pollution for our rivers today come from aging storm water infrastructures, which leads to problematic issues such as Combined Sewer Overflows (CSOs) and storm water runoff. The upgrade of old and derelict infrastructure needs to become a local priority if the Mid-Hudson Valley is truly going to proactively step up to the challenges of the 21st century.</p>	<p>♦ <b>Opportunity:</b> Clearwater's newly completed watershed management solutions include plans for green infrastructure projects that can revitalize communities. Our Green Cities initiative works with municipalities, businesses, and non-profit partners in the planning and implementation to meet the mandated Clean Water standards. Green infrastructure can revitalize urban watersheds with parks, green roofs, and urban community gardens – important multi-benefit projects that can also create jobs. This implementation will result in the realization of New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's biggest goal of a swimmable, fishable, and drinkable Hudson River and healthy Hudson River communities.</p>

Our quality of life depends on plentiful clean water; spectacular natural parks, farms, and waterfront access. Emerging revitalized green cities with protected world-renowned surrounding natural areas drive a significant part of our economy with jobs in parks, outdoor recreation, eco-tourism, and natural resource management. Promising green businesses in the areas of alternative energies/conservation also create jobs in new green cities. They also cross over into every other economic cluster by helping to form the quality of life critical to our substantial New York City commuter population.

The Hudson Valley provides critical clean water; local, healthy

food; recreation, and vacation and second-home opportunities. By solidifying our local commitment to protecting the natural resources, we are both protecting one of our greatest commodities, and providing increasingly more important green job opportunities.

Please support Clearwater and our push toward a new "Eco" economy. Let's listen to Mother Nature... and to Pete.



# Celebrating Ten Years of Young Women at the Helm

By Maija Niemistö, Director of Shipboard Programs

This year Clearwater celebrated the 10th anniversary of Young Women at the Helm, an incredible three-day summer leadership program for girls ages 15 to 18 that provides a unique opportunity to sail on the Hudson and study ecology, history, navigation and life on our river.

Each participant learns the ropes practicing maritime skills, all under the watchful eyes of our professional crew. Participants sail aboard the ship during the days, and camp along the Hudson's shores at night, all while building knowledge about themselves, their environment, and how their role as the next generation of environmental leaders.

This year's group of 22 young women coming from Brooklyn to Albany and around the Hudson Valley, joined the boat in Beacon this past August and sailed her upriver on a voyage of discovery and adventure. The Hudson River and the sloop herself provide the perfect platform for physical, academic and emotional challenges that help young women find their personal inner strength. Climbing aloft

into the rigging allowed each girl to literally push herself to new heights. Standing at the tiller of the 106-foot long ship to steer a course is a powerful metaphor for taking the helm in one's own life. Learning that diversity in the natural world creates stability helps a young woman see her individuality as vital to our world.

Beginning in 2001, Captain Samantha Hicks spearheaded the first "Young Women at the Helm," Clearwater's unique youth empowerment program that reaches out to urban and rural Hudson Valley girls at a pivotal moment in their lives, the teenage-years, and introduces them to challenges that can change them forever.

Captain Sam was not available to join the program this year, but she did send an inspirational message to the girls via video that was recorded as she held her newborn daughter; where she reminded them to be true to themselves, never let anyone bring them down, and to strive to reach their personal goals.

We were honored, once again, to have Francis Cruz, veteran sailor and Clearwater board member, onboard with us this summer. Frances, a participant from the original 2001 class of Young Women at the Helm, is now an educator, and in spring 2011, she was crowned Miss Puerto Rico for the National Puerto Rican Parade. Francis' contribution as a strong female role model, along with her great spirit, proved inspiring for the girls. She led a discussion where she encouraged the girls to be strong, confident women in whatever life path they chose. Frances is an example of the strength and success of the Young Women at the Helm Program.

Once again, all those who participated in Young Women at the Helm were inspired by the majesty of the Hudson River and the supportive learning culture the sloop provides.

Clearwater's Youth Empowerment programs are coming of age events for many young people and truly a catalyst for positive change in the Hudson Valley. Participants of Young Women at the Helm, Young Men at the Helm, Apprenticeships, and Youth Internships receive scholarships made possible by donors who appreciate the great value of empowering, educating, and inspiring our future leaders.

The sloop *Clearwater* herself is an unparalleled symbol of community, stewardship, and strength, and each young person who has walked her decks in our Youth Empowerment programs have gained knowledge, skills and confidence to lead their own communities towards a better future.

*At left, Francis Cruz onboard Clearwater with Young Women at the Helm participants during this summer's 10th anniversary program.*



Young Women at the Helm photos by Julia Church.

# Pamela Wolff:

*Steadfast Clearwater Volunteer, Supporter and Friend*

By Captain Samantha Hicks

In the summer of 1996, I was just getting my feet wet as mate on *Clearwater*, when another pair of feet caught my attention. They were on the deck of the sloop, we were underway, and they were... BARE. As mate, I had to do something about that, so I approached the owner of said feet to explain the rules and she replied, "It's ok, the Captains let me do this." It turns out this was true, and this woman had been around *Clearwater* much longer than I had. This was the beginning of one of my most treasured friendships at *Clearwater*, both professionally and personally.

Pamela Wolff has remained a steadfast volunteer, supporter, and friend. She sails aboard every year without fail and shows up for our winter potlucks. The "Clearwater" pennants you see flying high atop the mast are courtesy of Pamela.

Her life experience is varied and inspiring. Coming up to New York from Tennessee, Pamela has had careers in dance, real estate management, community involvement, and raising a family – she is inspirational for those of us who want to break the mold or simply make a life doing what we love.

And she is happy to give her time and energy to share that experience with the crew and students of the *Clearwater*; she even spent her birthday aboard during the Young Women at the Helm program this summer. And yet, with all these extraordinary contributions, she never complains when it's time to wash a dish, paint a rail, or stitch a sail. She joins the crew as a volunteer, but fits in like a pro.

Pamela is a friend whose company I truly enjoy, whether it's at brunch in the city or around the fire in Saugerties, and I look forward to seeing her next summer on the Cape. She knows my parents, my brother, and my husband, and I cannot wait for her to know (and sail with) my daughter.

*Pictured below: Pamela Wolff, left, and Captain Samantha Hicks inspect a Plumeria, a tropical flower native to Mexico, Central America, the Caribbean, and South America, onboard the sloop during the 2009 Young Women at the Helm program.*



## Creating the Next Generation...



YOUNG LEADER IN THE SPOTLIGHT:

## Nicole Singer

By Jocelyn Bertovich, Onboard Education Specialist

How does one become a *Clearwater* educator? Well, in Nicole Singer's case, it began with a fourth grade trip on *Clearwater's* sister ship, the *Mystic Whaler*. That's right, in the spring of 1998, a curly-headed, inquisitive kid got to touch a fish and sing some shanties onboard the 83' schooner.

Nicole's experience was a memorable one, however, she admits it wasn't the only inspiration that led to her position as onboard educator. Attending every Revival since she was in diapers, Nicole grew up in the *Clearwater* community.

She loves music, and at thirteen, picked up a guitar and began working on her repertoire of sea music and folk songs. During college, Nicole spent a semester studying maritime history and environmental topics.

In 2009, Nicole volunteered onboard the *Mystic Whaler*, an opportunity that allowed her to combine music and environmental education. She embraced life onboard and when a deckhand position became available, she jumped at the chance to spend a season as a sailor.

With all of her experience, it was a natural progression for Nicole to become a *Clearwater* Onboard Educator, which she did in 2011. She described the responsibility as challenging and rewarding. When asked how *Clearwater's* education program supports the mission of creating and inspiring the next generation of environmental leaders, she responded, "Offering experiential environmental education to kids living near the Hudson River ignites awareness in the students. They realize what their environment is and how their lives, now and in the future, impact that environment."

...of Environmental Leaders



# Camp Clearwater Wraps Up 2011 Season

By Angel Martinez, Camp Clearwater Director

Over forty young people from all over the Hudson River Valley and the New York City area participated in the 2011 Camp Clearwater summer session, a once-in-a-lifetime, unique adventure camp experience for 13-15 year olds. This summer, we implemented our first 21-day extensive program showcasing all of what Camp Clearwater has to offer. Participants spent the days in the environment, backpacking, rock-climbing, canoeing, kayaking, sailing on the sloop *Clearwater*, and exploring the beautiful Hudson Valley. The group also participated in workshops provided by Mountain Scout Survival School.

On July 29th, the group ended their three weeks of programming with a slide show presentation and a closing ceremony at the Clearwater property in Beacon, NY. Eight campers received certificates of accomplishment that recognized their successful participation in the program. A cook-out immediately followed the

graduation ceremony, and the campers were joined by friends and families. Participants went home with a great sense of pride

and accomplishment after experiencing several days of Camp Clearwater's intensive experience. Campers also made new friends. It was difficult for some to say their goodbyes, but I'm sure they'll be back next year.

2012 promises to be a big year for Camp Clearwater as we start our first year of American Camp Association Accreditation, an affiliation that ensures that participants receive a safe and fulfilling adventure at camp.

For more information, please contact Angel Martinez at [Angel@Clearwater.org](mailto:Angel@Clearwater.org), (845) 265-8080 ext. 7161 or join Camp Clearwater on facebook at <http://facebook.com/camp.clearwater/> to keep up with all that's happening at Camp Clearwater as it happens!



## Camp Clearwater

Clearwater would like to recognize the generous support of the Austen-Stokes Ancient Americas Foundation for providing funding for hands-on Native American experiences, and the Insurance Industries Charitable Foundation for providing scholarships to many of the Camp participants. Clearwater's impact is greater due to their commitment in our youth's future.



# Young Men at the Helm Sets Sail for Third Season

By Tom O'Dowd, Onboard Education Specialist

The future of the river and Clearwater is clearly looking bright! Our Young Men at the Helm program finished up its third season this past summer, and it's amazing just how much can be shared in three days and how quickly young men can coalesce as a team with each other and with the crew.

The group boarded *Clearwater* in Beacon with 25 young men hailing from Hudson River towns and cities from Albany to New York City. Under open blue skies, the young men were broken into four "Watch" groups, each focusing on some aspect of Hudson River. For instance, the Red Watch (also known on this sail as "Black Pearl") focused on watershed issues and handing the mainsail. The Gold Watch focused on maritime lifestyles and handling dock lines. The Green Watch (aka "Gang Green") were the navigators and learned about triangulation, speed, and using the tiller. The Blue Watch held the *Clearwater* environmental banner and learned about the ecology of the river and operating the otter trawl net.

The geographical diversity of the boys neatly tied together the two ends of the estuary, and some of the young men were able to point out landmarks in their own hometowns. This year's program sailed from Beacon to Verplanck to Alpine to finally arrive in Yonkers where the gentlemen made their final presentations about their experience onboard *Clearwater* to their shipmates, crew, and family members.

Each participant received an individualized superlative – "best mad scientist," "knot master," and, "most likely to

be captain." Soon it was time to disembark. Goodbyes always seem too fast and too sudden, and the young men were hurried off to their families or to catch the next train.

## Impact:

The hesitation to actually say goodbye says something about our Youth Empowerment programs. We make a difference in these young folks' lives. Whether they become sailors, environmentalists, musicians, or anything else, it does not matter; we showed them a part of themselves that is strong, smart, and sweet so they can accomplish any of their life goals.



## Rory Michelin, Christopher Stutler Scholar, 2011

By Majja Niemistö, Director of Shipboard Programs

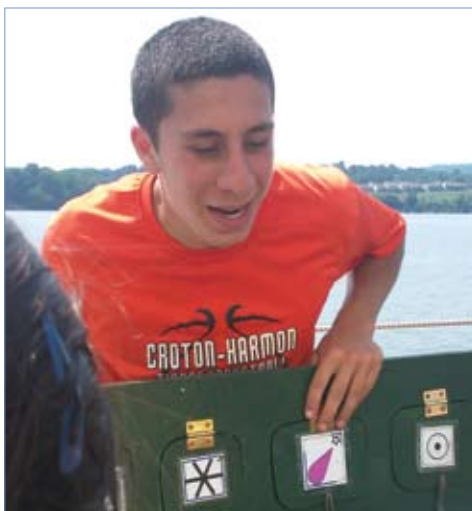
Every year *Clearwater* offers a unique scholarship opportunity to a student from Croton-Harmon High School through the Christopher Stutler Scholarship program. This year's recipient, Rory Michelin, is an outstanding young man who brought eagerness to learn and enthusiasm to facilitating educational programs onboard *Clearwater* and *Mystic Whaler*. This spring he taught history, navigation, water chemistry, and life in the Hudson River during his two weeks as a youth intern.

Rory's experience included visits to School 5 in Yonkers where he assisted in inquiry-based learning with fifth grade classes. He helped in demonstrating the "Sewer-in-a-Suitcase" and ways to reduce stormwater run-off, and brought his good buddies, Hogchoker, American Eel, and Catfish to introduce to the students.

Rory's experience culminated on June

14th, with School 5 coming onboard for *Clearwater*'s classic education sail. Rory already had a rapport with the students and taught the

"Hudson River Life" station, building upon what had already been covered in the classroom. Rory and the 5th graders left well-equipped to be the next generation responsible for the care of the river that flows both ways.



*The Christopher Stutler Scholarship is made possible by the generous donations from family and friends in memory of Christopher Stutler, a Hudson River enthusiast killed in a car accident in 1997. Over the past twelve years, this fund has made it possible for 600 fifth graders from School 5 in Yonkers to sail aboard Clearwater, and a dozen High School students from Croton-Harmon High School participate in our Youth Internship Program.*



## WHERE WE WORK



## Salute to the Crew



Top row, standing: Chris O'Reilly, Deckhand; Carlos Duran, Bo'sun; Captain Nicholas Rogers. Middle row, standing: Captain Jesse Loge; Meg Krietsch, volunteer; Jocelyn Bertovich, Onboard Education Specialist; Laura Heil, volunteer; Chelsea Fisher, Engineer; Chris Link, apprentice; Joshua Scornavacchi, apprentice; Parks Marion, Second Mate; Majja Niemistö, Director of Shipboard Programs. Bottom row, seated: Doe Boyle, volunteer; Cheryl Nunez, volunteer; Aleythea Dolstad, First Mate. Not pictured: Tom O'Dowd, Onboard Education Specialist.

Every year, Hudson River Sloop Clearwater employs three sets of exceptional people to crew on the sloop during our spring, summer/fall, and winter maintenance seasons. 2011's summer/fall crew has run two of the best multi-day Youth Empowerment programs in our history, "Young Women at the Helm" and "Young Men at the Helm."

During Hurricane Irene, the crew also worked very hard to protect the sloop and the Clearwater houseboat from the effects of the storm.

The crew welcomes dozens of volunteers onboard every season and continues to teach our award winning environmental education programs to thousands of young people every year.

We salute the important and valuable daily efforts of our intrepid crew to keep the sloop *Clearwater* on an even keel, and we thank them for all of their work on behalf of Clearwater and the Hudson River!

## Sunset Seine and Sing

By Eli Schloss, Tideline Director

Fishing at sunset is both romantic and intelligent. Intelligent because the fish and insects are actively feeding and the low light puts them at ease, not expecting the attack of predators from above and below. The night of September 17th was certainly romantic with the sun creeping out from behind the clouds to give us a wonderful "magic hour," or gloaming as the Scottish say.



The community joined us at Esopus Meadows for our Sunset Seine and Sing program that night. The fishing was a success. With kids and adults in waders we caught 3 largemouth bass, one smallmouth bass, one striped bass, one sunfish, 14 killifish, and 17 spottail shiners. We brought our catch back to the deck, and while the parents broke out the picnic, the children and I discussed the life cycles, adaptations, and human influences on these fresh water fish. To cap the night off, Linda Richards stopped by and regaled us with her special "campfire" set. There was also mixed fruit, apple crumb, and peach pie for everyone.

Keep your eye out for more hiking, beach seining programs, and events at Esopus Meadows Preserve, Clearwater's land-based education site located near Kingston, NY. This spring we will host more public events, with hikes to explore the flora, and fishing to catch some more river fauna in our beach seine net.



## Bowsprit Repair

By Captain Nicholas Rogers

I can't list all the carpenters who have sweated and fretted while repairing the boat over the years – I don't know them all, only she does. It would be impossible to calculate the number of hours that have been spent restoring the vessel. One could not count the fasteners that have rusted, sheered, and have been replaced. One could not discern the board feet of oak, pine, and fir that have come and gone. However, *Clearwater*, she knows all these stories, all these shipwrights, bo'suns, carpenters, and woodworkers. She knows all the work they have done, and has hopefully been able to thank them in her own way.

This here is just one story, and not even close to the full story; just one small vignette in the life of a 42 year-old wooden boat.

In the middle of an already long summer, it became evident that there existed stress fractures compromising the integrity of the bowsprit. The bowsprit, that thirty-foot log that extends forward from the front of the vessel pointing and guiding our way, has the entire rig tied into it. Every shake of the shrouds is felt in the jib stay. Every shift of the lifts is felt in the bob chain. The jib stay runs through the forward end of the sprit and the bob chain anchors the sprit to the hull. For the safety of the vessel, the crew, and all who sail on her, it was necessary to repair the bowsprit and deal with these stress fractures.

Enter James Kricker, Master Millwright.

Now before I finish this story, I'm going to tell an older one.

One that takes place close to thirty years ago, while I was in grade school, but, more importantly, while the boat was docking at South Street Seaport. The main character in this story is the bowsprit. The supporting characters include a couple of pilings, a cross current, and a loud "snap." Jim Kricker is a character in this story as well. Turns out he was onboard, as was Andy Mele, former *Clearwater* Director and Hudson Valley environmentalist. From the boat, the setting shifts to



Chris O'Reilly, Deckhand, and Capt. Nick Rogers saw off the damaged bowsprit in preparation for repair.

the metal and wood shop at South Street Seaport where, after some time, Jim and Andy return from the repair shop as heroes wielding a new bowsprit, and the boat sails off into the sunset.

That was then, and this is now.

While the vessel was laid up and in need of some love this summer, she was reunited with her old friend, Jim Kricker, for the repair. In a year of generation-themed concerts, we continued the theme onboard by introducing the boat to a new carpenter: Jim's daughter, Susanna. This bowsprit repair has allowed us to continue bringing the people of the Hudson valley out onto the river and into the harbor for the rest of the season.

The story of the sloop has always been about people getting together, about the younger generation taking over from the older, about the people of the valley putting their hands to work in the service of a vision greater than themselves.

So thank you Jim and Susanna, and the rest of the folks at Rondout Woodworking. And thank you to all the folks throughout the years for their work to help *Clearwater* keep sailing.

## Uncovering Mysteries of the Hudson with Mark Siegel, Creator of *Sailor Twain*

By Nina Sander, Outreach Educator

The Hudson River has been a muse for writers, painters, and musicians throughout our nation's history. Mark Siegel, creator of *Sailor Twain*, or the *Mermaid of the Hudson*, is one such artist who draws inspiration from the river's sublime landscape and dynamic waters.

*Sailor Twain* is set on the Hudson River during the golden age of steamships. It tells the tale of an enchanting mermaid and the steamship captain who falls under her spell. Much like the legends of Washington Irving, Siegel's tale weaves together romantic scenery,

colorful characters, and mystical events to create new Hudson River folklore.

Many of us at *Clearwater* have been "Twainers" (the name given to online fans) since the comic first began, so we were thrilled when Mark proposed a *Sailor Twain*-themed cruise aboard the sloop this past

August.

*Clearwater* members came together with Twainers to raise sail and belt out shanties. Guests enjoyed catered food and *Sailor Twain* wine from Millbrook Vineyards while Ellia Bisker serenaded us with soulful ukulele songs from her mermaid-themed album, *Sweet Soubrette*.

The highlight for many was Mark's effervescent discussion of his work, and how it has helped bring people together: "*Sailor Twain* has made friends all over the world," he explains. "It has joined up with other lovers of the Hudson and the magnificent *Clearwater* for one unforgettable evening..."

Thank you, Mark, for helping to unite and inspire others to love the Hudson! We can't wait to see what is coming next for Twain.

Check it out for yourself, and the companion blog, "*Secrets and Mysteries of the River Hudson*," at <http://sailortwain.com>! If you or someone you know would like to host a themed public sail aboard *Clearwater*, please contact our Sail Program Manager, Catherine Stankowski at [Sched@Clearwater.org](mailto:Sched@Clearwater.org).







*Pictured: 2011 Revival Planning Committee  
Photo by Steve Weinstock.*

## A Huge Thank You to all 2011 Clearwater Festival Volunteers!

By Steve Lurie, Festival Director, & Will Solomon, Assistant Festival Director

Clearwater would like to thank the over 1000 volunteers who donated their time and effort to support the Clearwater Festival this past June. Each area of the festival, from Zero Waste to Site Crew to Sign Painting and beyond, has a committee of volunteers working behind the scenes to make it all happen. Committees are led by Revival Planning Committee (RPC) coordinators (pictured above), an 80-plus-member committee that meets throughout the year to plan and organize all that you see and hear at Festival. Many of its members have been volunteering since the 1970's when the Festival was a much smaller folk picnic.

### Join us in 2012 as a Festival Volunteer!

Volunteers are the life blood of the Clearwater Festival. By volunteering, you become part of a warm, lively, and engaged community that is connected to the festival in a special way. For more information about volunteering, please visit the festival website:

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## Festival Thank You!



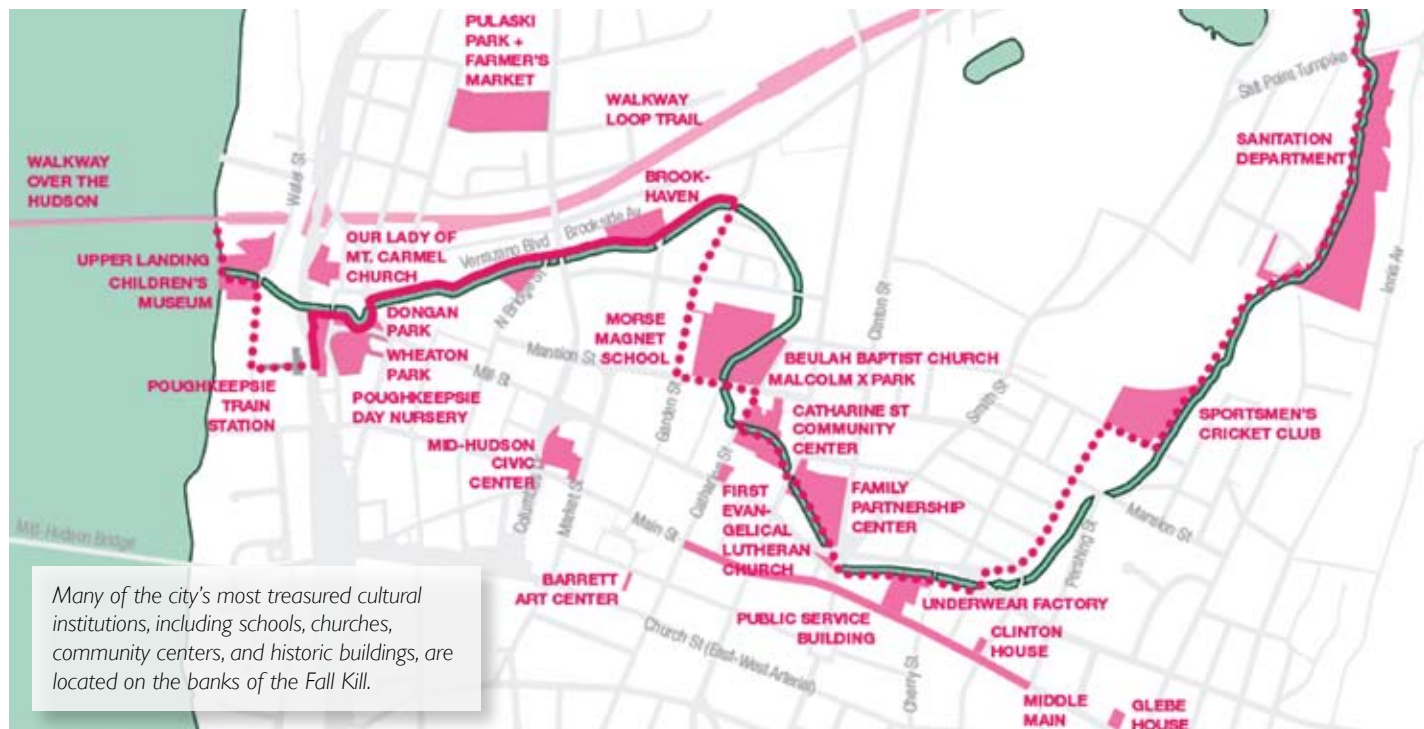
Thank you all for attending the festival this year. It was great to see how many families brought their generations to ours. We had record crowds, amazing music, great weather, and a wonderful community experience. Looking forward, we are already hard at work planning 2012's festival which will take place on June 16 & 17, and we are working diligently on improving the parking and traffic issues.

We'll see you there!

All the best,  
Steve Lurie  
Festival Director







## The Fall Kill Plan: Revitalizing the Region's Urban Waterways

By Ryan Palmer, Green Cities Project Coordinator



As Hudson River cities continue to evolve from the days of irresponsible growth and environmental neglect, to an age where economics and "green" go hand in hand, the urban streams that fed our region's early development are finally getting more recognition for their economic and cultural value.

The past however, has left these urban waterways in less than pristine condition. Many of our cities' streams have been channelized, re-routed, paved over, and used as stormwater conduits. Their watersheds continue to be subject to increases in impervious cover, such as roads and parking lots, which amplify the effects of flooding and urban runoff, which often transports gas, oil, and other toxins directly into the stream.

Clearwater's Green Cities Initiative is actively working to restore and transform Hudson River tributaries into vibrant and healthy streams that not only provide water quality and habitat benefits, but serve as a unifying resource for the community and a stimulus for economic development. This model urban watershed initiative is best demonstrated by Clearwater's work in the City of Poughkeepsie, and the Fall Kill Creek.

The Fall Kill is a unique and historic creek that empties into the Hudson River at Upper Landing in Poughkeepsie, where early settlers used its fast-flowing falls to power industry. Today, the Fall Kill has lost its industrial significance, along with much of its water quality and habitat value, but its meandering track through the heart of the city makes it an ideal candidate for revitalization.

Clearwater is working with the Fall Kill Watershed Committee

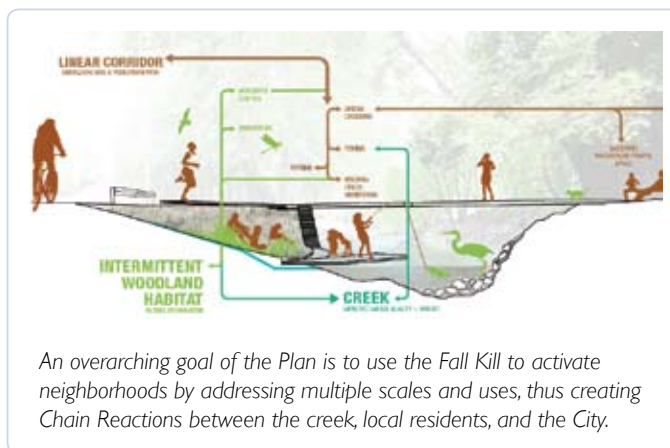
and a diverse array of partners on a long term initiative to restore the creek, with support from the Hudson River Estuary Program.

At the core of the initiative is the Fall Kill Planning Project. Clearwater is developing a Master Plan for a walkable green corridor along the creek, creating detailed engineered design plans with cost estimates for 3 sites along the corridor, and a Handbook of conceptual designs to inspire and assist residents and future developers. These plans are being developed with direct input from the community and technical support from the Urban Landscape Lab at Columbia University's School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation.

The Fall Kill Plan will work towards several objectives to benefit the City of Poughkeepsie. The project aims to increase community stewardship of the creek by improving aesthetics and access, improve water quality by incorporating Green Infrastructure practices such

as riparian plantings, rain gardens and porous pavement into site plans, enhance connections to existing social and cultural centers, and bridge the gap between the Fall Kill and economic development opportunities such as Walkway over the Hudson and the Middle Main business district.

The project is ultimately about much more than just greening an urban stream, it is about using an urban stream as a catalyst to green an entire community, and that is what Clearwater's Green Cities Initiative is all about.





# Un Ambiente de Cambio: Justicia Climática Para Todos en el Hudson Valley

*A Climate of Change: Climate Justice For All in the Hudson Valley Region*

By Karla Raimundi, Esq., Clearwater Environmental Justice Associate

As part of an EPA Environmental Justice Small Grant entitled, "Advancing Climate Justice in Four Hudson Valley Cities," Clearwater has been successful in expanding its outreach to the Spanish-speaking community, an important and often underserved group in the Hudson Valley.

This Climate Justice (CJ) project was designed to increase the knowledge of environmental justice, public health, and climate change in affected communities in Beacon, Kingston, Poughkeepsie, and Peekskill. These four cities have been identified by the Office of Environmental Justice (EJ) of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation as containing Potential Environmental Justice Areas (PEJAs).

Climate Justice work endeavors to alleviate any unequal burdens created by climate change on communities of color and low income by safeguarding their rights, promoting the fair treatment and meaningful involvement in the implementation of environmental laws and regulations. To achieve these goals, it is imperative that EJ communities become aware of and informed about the environmental harm that may be affecting them. In this regard, Clearwater has partnered with Peekskill's Comité Latino, a group that works locally as an outreach and referral program targeting the Spanish-speaking community.

This partnership was solidified at an event, "Finding Opportunity in the Climate Crisis: An Inter-municipal Workshop on Climate Justice," that Clearwater hosted on May 21, 2011 at the Center for Environmental Innovation and Education at Denning's Point. The event was attended by a diverse group of 75 participants from Hudson Valley communities and over four counties. A significant number of Comité Latino members attended the workshop where, for the first time at an event of this type in the region, to accommodate their special needs, simultaneous Spanish translation and childcare were provided.

The task ahead, with the help of conference attendees, is to take what was learned at this workshop back into the four cities and to formulate two projects to address climate change in their communities by mitigation, preparation, or adaptation.

As a result of attending the first CJ workshop, Comité Latino became actively involved in promoting environmental justice in the Peekskill

community and is working towards completing Climate Justice Assessment that represent their specific needs and concerns. This newly acquired interest in climate change and environmental justice has motivated Comité Latino to modify their mission statement to include, "promoting environmental justice and climate change education."

This project is an example of the great potential community organizing and grassroots environmentalism has to empower, move to action, and touch the lives of many individuals. This possibility is maximized when language and cultural barriers can be overcome. In the true spirit of our founder, Pete Seeger, we will continue to promote a climate of change in EJ communities by inspiring, educating, and activating them.



*Bottom photo: Clearwater Environmental Justice Associate, Karla Raimundi, facilitates a group representing Comité Latino of Peekskill at Clearwater's Climate Justice workshop taking place on May 21, 2011 at Beacon Institute Center for Environmental Innovation and Education in Beacon, NY. Clearwater hosted the workshop to provide the residents from Peekskill, Kingston, Beacon, and Poughkeepsie with critical information on the impacts of Climate Change and how it would affect their communities.*

*Top photo: Ingrid Sanchez Eger (pictured) and Walter Soto provided simultaneous Spanish translation for workshop attendees. Photos by Julia Church.*



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

## Phase 2 Dredging has Good Success

By Manna Jo Greene, Environmental Action Director

When Clearwater urged the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to require General Electric (GE) to clean up the contamination of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) from the Upper Hudson River, we promised everyone who supported the remediation that we would stay actively involved, monitor progress, and do everything in our power to assure the best possible outcome for the river and the people living in its watershed. In keeping with this commitment, we have actively participated in the Community Advisory Group (CAG) on an ongoing basis. Clearwater is currently utilizing a \$50,000 EPA Technical Assistance Grant (TAG) to help bring good science to answer questions from municipal leaders, community members, and the media and to address important issues and concerns.

Delayed by an unusually large snowmelt followed by severe flooding in the Fort Edward area late this spring, GE resumed Phase 2 dredging on June 6, 2011 focusing on work areas or certification units (CUs) 9 - 30 in the vicinity of Ft. Edward during the 2011 dredge season. Dredging proceeded without any significant problems, and fortunately Ft. Edward experienced only minimal impacts from the late summer storms.

### NRD Trustees Call for Additional Dredging and Better Habitat Restoration

In addition to the clean-up as originally planned – that is, the remediation by removal of PCB hotspots from the 40-mile stretch between Fort Edward and Albany – under Superfund, a group of agencies known as the Natural Resource Damage (NRD) Trustees is charged with protecting and restoring injured natural resources including any lost use. The Trustees, which include US Fish & Wildlife Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, have been assessing the damages to natural resources caused by the PCB contamination. Sampling indicates that PCB contamination is greater than originally predicted, and the NRD Trustees have

expressed concerns that 136 acres that are outside of the planned dredging areas contain PCBs in surface sediment that exceed the 10 ppm Tri+ PCB standard; 130 of these acres are within 200 feet of the proposed dredging areas and could be relatively easily removed. If left unremediated, this PCB contamination may compromise the clean-up and prolong recovery for Hudson River fish and other aquatic organisms. (For details, see [www.fws.gov/contaminants/restorationplans/HudsonRiver/docs/NRDpre-meetingpresentationsJune2011CAG.pdf](http://www.fws.gov/contaminants/restorationplans/HudsonRiver/docs/NRDpre-meetingpresentationsJune2011CAG.pdf)). Because these acres of surface contamination were not included in the performance standards for Phase 2 dredging, their fate remains undetermined. Clearwater agrees with the Trustees that a rigorous clean-up includes the removal of this additional contamination.

In addition, the Trustees have raised concerns about the adequacy of habitat restoration plans and procedures. Because GE did not follow EPA's specifications during the planting last year of several species of aquatic vegetation (wild celery, American pondweed, and white water lily), the plantings were not effective and had to be replanted – this time successfully. However, the Trustees feel that greater diversity should be restored and, in particular, that disturbed freshwater mussel beds should be actively re-established.

### Navigational Dredging

Finally, Clearwater and our colleagues at NRDC, Riverkeeper, Scenic Hudson, as well as most of the members of the CAG continue to support the NYS Canal Corporation's request that navigational dredging to restore full use of the Upper Hudson by large commercial vessels be done while the remediation is underway because it will be much more difficult and more costly to the public if this work is left until after the remediation has been completed. Stay tuned as we monitor progress along with any outstanding problems in the ongoing effort to assure a world-class clean-up of Hudson River PCBs.



## Clearwater's Green Cities Initiative 101

By Victor Pierre Melendez, Director, Green Cities Initiative

The postindustrial cities of the Hudson River Valley have been subject to decreasing job opportunities, the abandonment of riverfront industrial properties, increases in pollution, and a significant reduction in community sense of place.

In response to the need for community revitalization, Clearwater's Green Cities Initiative is helping to build healthier, sustainable Hudson River cities. We are currently working on the ground in Kingston, Poughkeepsie, Beacon, Newburgh, and Peekskill on projects that will improve the environmental health and economic vitality of these river cities. Green Cities projects and programs bring together community stakeholders and municipalities to address watershed protection, stormwater management, waterfront revitalization, pollution, environmental and climate justice, and green job creation. The initiative seeks to incorporate principles of sustainability into all phases of municipal planning and community

development and to educate and empower stakeholders to take on the most pressing environmental issues affecting their community. The end goal is a healthier, greener, and more equitable Hudson Valley.

By giving Hudson Valley residents the tools they need to protect, conserve, and improve their urban environment, Clearwater is helping to put the "ECO" back into the local economy. Through our green infrastructure and ecological revitalization efforts, we are laying a foundation for future green jobs, green energy production, and a stronger green economy.

The Green Cities Initiative serves as a unifying theme for the diverse programs that Clearwater is currently engaged in and as a guiding principle for expanding our work to help promote a more sustainable future.





# Rethinking Indian Point in a Post-Fukushima World

By Manna Jo Greene, Environmental Action Director

In the wake of the massive disaster at the Fukushima-Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant in Japan, closing Indian Point has become an even more urgent priority for Clearwater's Environmental Action Department.

On April 6, 2011, Clearwater brought together seismologists from Lamont-Dougherty Earth Observatory, green energy experts, elected officials and other leaders for a solutions-oriented "Power Sail" around Indian Point, urging for the transition away from our dependence on nuclear power and fossil fuels, to a vibrant green energy economy here in the Hudson Valley. Former Congressman John Hall joined Clearwater's Power of Song youth to sing the No Nukes anthem, "Warm Power of the Sun," setting the tone for the working sail.

On April 25 this highly successful Power Sail was followed by an in-depth technical briefing at the Desmond-Fish Library in Garrison, featuring a keynote address by nuclear expert Arnold Gunderson, a panel discussion on the dangers of Indian Point, and informational session from the New York State Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA), and others on what it would take to transition to increased use of energy efficiency and a range of renewables.



Indian Point photos by Julia Church.



In May, Clearwater joined 45 other organizations to petition the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to suspend all licensing and relicensing procedures until the lessons learned from Fukushima can be assessed and incorporated into the severely narrowed nuclear regulations.

On June 2 a Public Meeting on Indian Point took place at Colonial Terrace in Cortlandt, NY. Concerned citizens, and representatives from Clearwater, Riverkeeper, Greenpeace, IPSEC, NYPIRG, and other organizations spoke out to tell the NRC and government officials their concerns about the issues surrounding the operation of Indian Point and the dangerous practice of on-site storage of nuclear waste at the facility. Several hundred were in attendance to make up the standing-room-only audience.

In July Clearwater joined Time's Up!, a NYC sustainable living activist organization, for a bike-to-train-to-sloop sail around Indian Point. Time's Up! cyclists, carrying model wind turbines and solar panels and outfitted in white "hazmat suits," joined Clearwater activists for an old-fashioned action aboard the sloop to get out the message that Time's Up for Indian Point, we're ready for Green Energy!

## Current programs related to the Green Cities Initiative:

- ◆ **Watershed protection** in Kingston's Rondout Creek and Poughkeepsie's Fall Kill Creek. These projects have been funded by NYS DEC Hudson River Estuary Program, NEIWPCC and now in Kingston, by NYS Department of State/EPF funding.
- ◆ **Green infrastructure planning** in Kingston, Poughkeepsie/Hyde Park, and Beacon/Fishkill, in partnership and funded by Hudson Valley Regional Council.
- ◆ **Intercollegiate Internships** provide the opportunity for a dynamic intercollegiate group project that involves students from diverse disciplines in addressing pressing environmental research questions.
- ◆ **Environmental Justice work** in Peekskill funded by NYS DEC Office of Environmental Justice
- ◆ **Climate Justice work** in Kingston, Poughkeepsie, Beacon, and Peekskill to promote climate justice awareness, mitigation, planning, preparation, and adaptation in urban areas in the region.
- ◆ **Young Women/Young Men at the Helm**, an innovative program that provides leadership training and empowerment to inner city youth ages 15 - 19 aboard the sloop *Clearwater*.
- ◆ **Camp Clearwater**, an adventure-based leadership program with scholarships for inner-city youth, ages 13 - 15, which develops self-confidence, survival skills, and respect for the natural world.
- ◆ **Green Energy/Green Jobs platform**: The Green Cities Initiative is working on developing "on the ground" education programs and projects that further promote Green Jobs training, and Carbon/Energy Reduction Programs in our target communities. This can also provide opportunities for underserved and at-risk youth to identify, prepare for, and assume green jobs in an emerging green economy.

# Power of Song – Power of Purpose

By Linda Richards, Events Coordinator/Power of Song

When Power of Song member Wyatt Buesing performed the *Rise Against* song and *Hero of War* at the opening set at the Clearwater Festival in June, a dry eye in the crowd was hard to find. Joe Krzyzewski's version of, *Which Side Are You On?* got the audience singing along as did Haden Minifie's, *River's Call to Freedom* – a parody of the Weaver's, *Battle Cry of Freedom*.

Who are these talented young musicians with their thoughtful lyrics and incredible stage presence? They are members of Clearwater's Power of Song Apprentice Program.

The Power of Song Apprentice Program now has a year and a half under its belt. This year and a half has yielded, through the creative energy of its founding and continued members, Sarah Armour, Jacob Bernz, Cody Buesing, Wyatt Buesing, Ava Coleman, Matt Emmer, Ian Guthoff, Joe Krzyzewski, Nils Lewis, Haden Minifie, Jennifer Moretti, Julie Moschitta, Emely Pena, and Walker Rumpf, twenty-two performances

that reached over three thousand audience members at festivals, bridges, boats, movie theaters, schools, retirement homes, conference rooms, parking lots, and warming shacks.

Power of Song have shared performance spaces with Pete Seeger, David Amram, Livingston Taylor, Peter Yarrow, Janis Ian, Jackson Browne, and more. The core group of fifteen to twenty-two year olds has seen members come and go during its tenure, and each participant has left his own individual imprint on the program. This has made Clearwater's Power of Song grow and morph into something that transcends music and issues, and zeroes right in on our overall humanity.

## Passing on the Legacy of the Power of Song

By Matt Emmer – Member, Power of Song Apprentice Program

The Power of Song program has given me so many incredible experiences. One of the most amazing encounters happened at Revival this past summer. While in the backstage area getting water after our performance, I was approached by Jackson Browne, who I had talked with the night before at a donor event. He asked me if I had heard of Warren Zevon. Since I am a big fan of Zevon, we talked for a while about his work and songwriting.

After a while, he called over Billy Bragg, who had just finished his set, "This is Matt," he said. "Oh, hi Matt. I'm Billy," said Bragg as he joined our conversation. There I stood face to face, talking with two of my favorite writers and musicians discussing songwriting and music. I know that this couldn't happen without Power of Song and the wonderful experiences it provides for us.



### Call for Young Musicians

for Power of Song Apprentice Program!

**Who?** 15 - 23 year olds  
**What?** Join Clearwater's Youth Musician program  
**Where?** Clearwater Office, 724 Wolcott Ave., Beacon, NY  
**When?** Wednesdays, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

**Contact:** Linda Richards at (845) 265-8080 x 7105 or [Linda@Clearwater.org](mailto:Linda@Clearwater.org).



Power of Song members, left to right: Jacob Bernz, Sarah Armour, Ava Coleman, and Haden Minifie.

Photo by Julia Church.





Photos by Julia Church.

## Jackson Browne Draws Enthusiastic Crowd

By Eileen Newman, Grants and Major Gifts Coordinator

Clearwater's Festival Friday Night Benefit featuring music icon Jackson Browne was by all accounts – a great success! The first annual event, held on June 17, 2011, supported Clearwater's environmental education programs and proved to be a fantastic way to start the Great Hudson River Revival weekend! As the clouds parted after the rain that evening, a pre-event reception featured a performance by Clearwater's Power of Song while guests enjoyed excellent food and beverages in a waterfront tent on the shores of the Hudson River.

Following rousing opening remarks by Allan Shope, Clearwater Board President, guests were treated to the start of a spectacular sunset as they made their way to the concert tent. Excitement grew as Jeff Rumpf, Clearwater's Executive Director introduced Jackson Browne. Browne, during the hour-plus intimate performance, treated the audience to an acoustic selection that included longtime favorites, "The Pretender," "Running on Empty," and "Doctor My Eyes," and in addition, a few new arrangements.

Renowned Cuban singer-songwriter Carlos Varela, a longtime friend of Browne who is often referred to as "Cuba's Bob Dylan," joined Browne for the performance. Also joining Browne onstage were blues favorite Guy Davis and former U.S. District 19 Representative John Hall, an accomplished artist and former member of the band "Orleans."

Immediately following the concert, guests enjoyed a sunset sail in Croton Bay where they assisted crew members in hoisting the sails, learned about Clearwater educational programs, and were entertained with tales of Hudson River lore. Thank you to everyone who attended and supported Clearwater's great work!

Browne has written and performed some of the most well-known

songs in popular music, and his inspired lyrics define a genre of songwriting charged with honesty, emotion, and personal politics. Browne was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2004 and the Songwriter's Hall of Fame in 2007.

Browne is also recognized as a long-time advocate for social and environmental justice. In 2008, he received the NARM Harry Chapin Humanitarian Award, and, in 2007, he received the Chapin-World Hunger Year Harry Chapin Humanitarian Award.

Join us next June for what will be our second annual

Festival Friday Benefit for Clearwater's educational programs. Come for the Friday night event, or camp with us onsite for the entire weekend. Enjoy inspiring music by well-known artists and the best that festival has to offer all in one place at Clearwater's Great Hudson River Revival weekend. Join us for Clearwater Festival 2012 and support Clearwater's work in inspiring, educating, and activating the next generation of environmental leaders!



Jackson Browne signs a teeshirt for Power of Song's Sarah Armour.

# A Vision for the Future of the Hudson River and Board of Elections

By Heidi Kitlas, Development Director

The Clearwater Board of Directors, membership, and staff gathered for the 2011 Annual Meeting to elect new board members and enjoy inspiring speakers and musical performances. The event was started off by Clearwater's own Linda Richards with a parody to *Willin'* by Little Feat using lyrics that functioned as a summary of the past year's efforts, and backed up by the Clearwater staff. If this sounds familiar to you, then you've enjoyed Linda's parodies of the past! We were excited to have her bring back an old time favorite to the Annual Meeting format.

Clay Hiles, Director of Hudson River Foundation provided the keynote, "A Vision for the Future of the Hudson River." Clay is the Executive Director of the Hudson River Foundation, an advisory board member with Our Hudson Tomorrow, and a past board president of Clearwater. He encouraged a dialog about the future of the Hudson River and Clearwater's role in creating a Kingston Home Port as a nexus for the river's maritime history and center for the next generation of environmental leaders. He shared the premiere screening of Our Hudson Tomorrow's documentary, 'Hudson Rising' featuring Clearwater programs. The Walkabout Clearwater Chorus closed the event with numerous songs that left everyone with a good feeling on a beautiful sunny September day.

The Annual Meeting is an important event and provides Clearwater members with the opportunity to participate in the vital function of electing board candidates into office. Clearwater board members play key creative roles in fundraising, event planning, program development, financial management, public relations, and project management, and serve as spokespersons and ambassadors for Clearwater. This year, three new board members were elected to the Clearwater Board, and two members were re-elected. We are excited to welcome this new group to the board and are pleased to include a short background on each

member elected for your review.

While we celebrate this past year, we are excited for the upcoming year full of new opportunities up and down the river and look forward to working with you to make this happen!

## NEW BOARD MEMBERS:

### Claus Kinder, Cottekill, NY

Claus Kinder is currently VP Engineering & Operations with Selux Corp. Selux Corp. designs and manufactures architectural lighting fixtures including LED and photovoltaic power sources. Claus has over 30 years of industrial equipment engineering and manufacturing in the life science and telecommunication industries. He holds a BSEE and MBA. Claus's past volunteer activities include Director of Fund Raising for Habitat for Humanity in Kingston, NY, SUNY New Paltz Engineering Advisor Board, Treasurer for Hobie Fleet 250 in Sandy Hook Bay, NJ, and Co-founder & Past President of the New Jersey Chapter of the Project Management Institute. Claus is an avid sailor and scuba diver, and an advocate for keeping our water pristine for future generations to enjoy.



### Robin Schlaff, Esq., Chappaqua, NY

Robi was born in Brooklyn, NY and attended James Madison High School and the University at Albany.

Robi received her JD from Cardozo School of Law where she was on the law review. She has extensive experience in government beginning in 1978 when she was chief of staff to Assembly



Members of Clearwater's 2011 - 2012 Board of Directors.







Jeff Rumpf, Executive Director, addresses attendees of the 2011 Annual Meeting.

Member Pete Grannis. From 1998 - 2001 she was special assistant to the Westchester County Executive working on criminal justice, environmental and social justice issues, and the formation of the first Westchester County Department of Emergency Services.

In 2007, Robi joined Commissioner Pete Grannis at the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation as his special counsel. In that position, she was the Commissioner's liaison with DEC's regional offices, particularly Regions 1, 2, and 3 (Long Island, NYC and the Hudson Valley), the Climate Office, Office of Environmental Justice, and she supervised the Office of Public Protection (law enforcement, forest rangers and emergency response). She represented the Agency on the 400th Anniversary of the Hudson (Quadricentennial,) NYC's Waterfront Plan –Vision 2020, and she continues to consult on the Brooklyn-Rotterdam sister-city projects.

#### **Elena Stokes, Valley Cottage, NY**

Elena grew up in the Hudson Valley sailing her Barbies on driftwood in the river at Hook Mountain State Park in Nyack. She was introduced to Clearwater in middle school on a rainy day when the sloop sailed the river and Clearwater's enthusiastic onboard volunteers cheerfully educated her about river ecology and folk culture even though they were soaked to the bone. Years later, she packed up her Barbies and graduated magna cum laude from The Johns Hopkins University and earned her Masters degree in Linguistics and Anthropology from New York University.

In 2008, the Hudson called Elena back home and she founded Wunderkind PR with the goal of using her years of experience in publishing to be able to offer commercial, genre, and literary sensibilities to each individual author campaign. At this time she also began work for her family's Austen-Stokes Ancient Americas Foundation working with major river advocacy groups like Clearwater to educate youth about how



Native Americans lived in the Hudson Valley hundreds of years ago.

#### **RETURNING BOARD MEMBERS:**

##### **William Flank, Chappaqua, NY**

Bill Flank has been a long-time technical consultant for Clearwater; and as a Board and Executive Committee member in the 90's, helped to build the positive reputation of our science-based research projects and advocacy programs. Flank also chairs the Clearwater Education Committee and the Governance Committee, and is a member of the Finance Committee.

He is a semi-retired research scientist and manager and currently teaches chemistry, environmental science and statistics at Pace University. Bill has considerable experience with non-profit organizational governance and strategic planning which helps Clearwater chart an effective course for the future. "There's a lot at stake, locally, nationally and globally. We need to advocate and educate – get people to act – and we need to win!"

##### **Stephen D. Smith, Albany, NY**

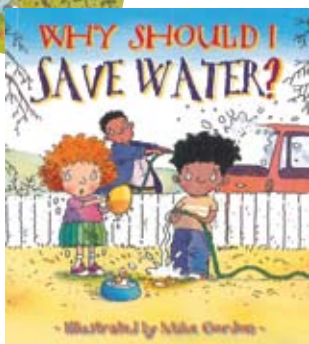
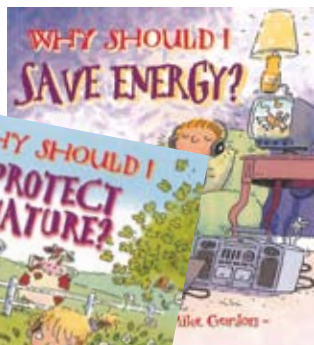
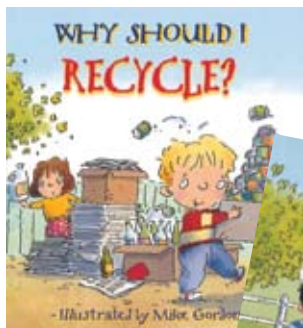
Stephen Smith is Senior Safety and Environmental Engineer with Novus Engineering in Delmar, NY where he manages environmental compliance issues for individuals, large state agencies, and private companies. Stephen provides air permitting, indoor air quality, mold, noise, safety, and environmental site assessment services, designs remediation protocols, and provides training. Stephen is also a singer-songwriter, band-leader, musician, and emcee performing in Reggae, Funk, R&B, Jazz, and Rock bands. He has performed for the Clearwater crew and for the Young Men at the Helm program.

He serves Clearwater on the Executive, Facilities, and Environmental Action committees, and acts as liaison to the North River Friends of Clearwater Sloop Club.

# Holiday Giving

When you make a purchase from the Clearwater Store, you are not just buying a gift for yourself or a loved one – you are 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. Your support keeps us sailing!

**Books, music and movies make great presents for everyone on your holiday shopping list.**



## Why Should I: Save Water? Save Energy? Protect Nature? Recycle?

One of the most wonderful gifts to give a child this year for the holidays is the gift of reading and learning. WHY????? These books help young readers think about simple environmental issues and other social and moral dilemmas they may come across in everyday life. The books help children to understand environmental changes and how to recognize it in their own surroundings, and also to help them discover how their environment may be improved and sustained. **\$7.00** per book. All four for **\$25.00**.

## Where Have all the Flowers Gone, A Singalong Memoir

Written by Pete Seeger

This wonderful book is Pete Seeger's musical autobiography. In this revised and expanded 3rd edition that includes more than 200 songs, Pete comments on many things from songwriting to politics –supported by stories, anecdotes, photos, and drawings. From the 1940s when Pete began playing with Woody Guthrie and Lead Belly through his fifty plus years of activism, he has held the belief that everyone should be able to participate in making music. A CD with 267 MP3 files accompanies this edition. **\$25.00**



## NEW! Baseball Caps

Our new unstructured washed twill caps with the "Traditional Clearwater Logo" are 100% cotton. Adjustable self-fabric strap with hide-away slide buckle. One size fits most. Union made in the USA. **\$20.00**



## NEW! Baby Bibs

Our "I love Clearwater" bib is wonderfully smooth and durable with a hook and loop Velcro closure. 100% cotton. One size fits most. **\$10.00**

## NEW! Baby Onesies

Our "I love Clearwater" onesies are crafted from 100% certified organic cotton. This cozy essential is great on its own or layered. Overlapping shoulders and other features make dressing a squirmy baby a breeze. 100% combed ring spun certified organic cotton. Rib knit lap shoulders, cuffs and leg openings, 3-snap bottom closure. **\$15.00**

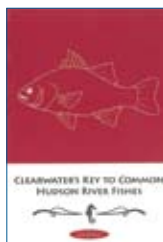


## NEW! Clearwater Jute Bags

Clearwater's bags are 100% Natural Jute, an eco friendly fiber. Measurements are 15"H x 18"W X5". 100% Biodegradable. **\$10.00**

## Special Holiday Offer!

With every purchase of **\$50.00** or more, you will receive a Clearwater sports bottle.



With every **\$75.00** or more, you will receive a Clearwater sports bottle and Clearwater's Key to Common Hudson River Fishes book.



## To order:

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To have your order sent as a gift, please include packing and shipping instructions. Holiday delivery is only guaranteed on orders placed by December 16th.



# Corporate Volunteering

By Eileen Newman, Grants and Major Gifts Coordinator

## IBM Employees Get Inspired

On June 15, 2011, over 100 IBM employees descended upon Clearwater's headquarters (the former University Settlement Camp) and volunteered their time to several projects to improve the property as part of IBM's Celebration of Service campaign. 2011 marks the 100 year anniversary of this leading company, and in honor of this, IBM launched a global volunteering initiative to give back to the communities that they live and work in.



With the largest volunteer group working in the area, Clearwater and IBM tackled numerous renovation projects. Groups of these volunteers scraped and painted the outside of the Clearwater office, performed garden work, and built rain barrels and a flow-through garden.

Finishing off a project started at the Clearwater/University Settlement Society reunion last fall, IBM employees created a beautiful blend of tiles hand-painted by reunion attendees, Clearwater program graduates, and IBM participants to form a mosaic on a formerly blank retaining wall in front of the Clearwater offices. Completing this Wall of Remembrance connected IBM employees to the children who have benefited from Clearwater's environmental education and youth empowerment programs, and allowed them to express what the Hudson River Valley means to them.

Ron Burton, the Advisory Wellbeing Professional for IBM, and Leigh J. Price, the Director of Corporate Development were instrumental in the planning and preparation of this 24 foot long, six foot high wall. Ron, reflecting on the day stated, "I thought the experience was tremendously valuable both for me individually, for the IBM team, and hopefully for the Clearwater community, as well. It is important to give back to the communities in which we live and work, and speaking on behalf of all the IBMers who I talked to, the experience was very rewarding and enjoyable. We look forward to another day of community service in the future!"

## PepsiCo Pitches In for Peekskill

Yet another corporate leader in the community, PepsiCo, has employees who volunteer for the environment at numerous events throughout the year. In observation of World Water Week, on August 24, 2011, local PepsiCo employees joined forces with Clearwater employees, the ever active Peekskill Conservation Advisory Council (CAC), and the Peekskill Youth Bureau. A small but mighty

group removed invasive species from in and around MacGregory Brook, a Hudson River tributary that flows through the City of Peekskill, NY and into the Hudson River by the Peekskill train station. Additionally, volunteers collected bags of refuse and waded into the Brook to remove trash. As Peekskill is one of Clearwater's Green



Cities, with ever growing community and municipal support, Clearwater will continue to work with groups such as the Peekskill CAC to help local people take back their watersheds and green their cities. Clearwater thanks PepsiCo for instilling a sense of local pride and environmental stewardship in their employees!

For more information regarding Clearwater's corporate volunteering program, please contact Eileen Newman at (845) 265-8080, ext. 7160, or Eileen@Clearwater.org. For more information on Green Cities or our work in Peekskill, please see pages 12-13. (Volunteerism photos by J. Church.)

## CHARITABLE GIVING IN THE SPOTLIGHT

# The Seeger Society –

*Inspiration to your family and friends*

By Heidi Kitlas, Development Director



Leaving a lasting legacy for the next generation of environmental leaders is a sustainable way to ensure the continued growth of Clearwater. As a member of The Seeger 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.



Above: Mili Hersh at the helm, onboard sloop Clearwater.

Mildred (Mili) Hersh was a dedicated supporter of Clearwater's mission for almost 30 years. Mili's commitment was steadfast and she designated Clearwater in her will. As we honor her life, Mili's legacy will live on through the support she has provided to the future of the organization. Her thoughtful bequest is an inspiration to her family and friends who will remember her determination to make the world a better place. Her passion for life is expressed well through a quote from one of her favorite poems, "Today well lived makes... every tomorrow a vision of hope."

For more information about joining The Seeger Society and planned giving, please contact Heidi Kitlas at (845) 265-8080, ext. 7118 or Heidi@Clearwater.org.



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The Clearwater 2010 Annual report is now available at [www.clearwater.org](http://www.clearwater.org).

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- ◆ 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
- ◆ Discounts on community outreach sails throughout the year
- ◆ A vote in the election of Clearwater's Board of Directors

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## Clearwater Parties

By Linda Richards, Events Coordinator/Power of Song

A wonderful way to generate interest and enthusiasm for Clearwater, while increasing membership and simultaneously having a great time with folks from your community, is to host a Clearwater House Party!

In the past six months, Clearwater members have hosted two very special house parties. One was hosted by Steve Densmore and held at the restaurant Bacchus in New Paltz, NY in April.

Board member Stephen Smith also hosted a Clearwater House party at his riverfront property in Albany, NY this past July.

These events, although different in venues and times of year, shared music and food with communities, all in the name of Clearwater. In the spirit of the original folk festivals that brought people together with the goal of sending a boat out onto the Hudson to do its good work, these house parties created an environment for people to gather, celebrate, and learn. Funds were raised for Clearwater programs. Friends were made. New ideas were ignited.

We thank Bacchus for its participation and the bands Snow Bear, Windsprint, and Clearwater's own Power of Song for lending their voices, talent, and instruments to the evening.

We thank the following musicians and sponsors for Stephen Smith's 3rd Annual Clearwater Picnic and Benefit: U-Haul, The Rensselaerville Meeting Center, Kiss My Face cosmetics, Blue Diamond Septic, The International Laborer's Union Local 190.



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## Clearwater and Hudson River Maritime Museum Form Alliance to Build Kingston Home Port

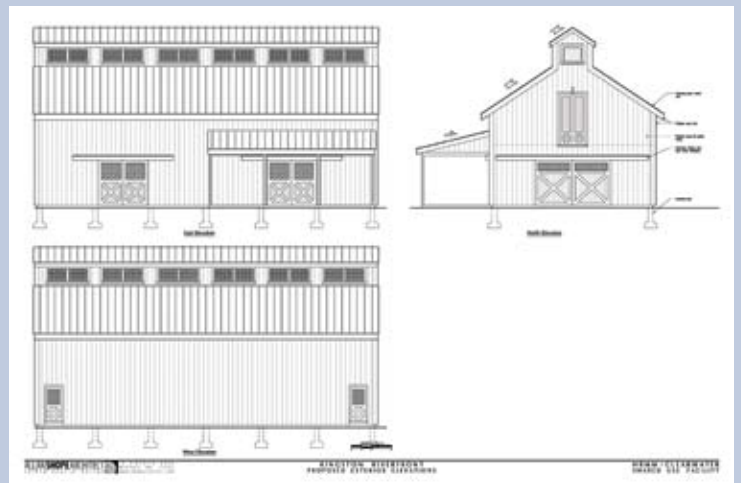
On River Day this past June, the sloop *Clearwater* led a flotilla up the Rondout Creek to make a symbolic arrival at the Kingston waterfront. Passengers disembarked for a press event on the docks that announced a Clearwater and Hudson River Maritime Museum alliance to build a new home port and education center located on the museum property, west of the existing exhibit galleries.

With this alliance, Clearwater and Hudson River Maritime Museum have embarked on an exciting new project to establish a vibrant economic model for the entire Hudson River Valley. The two organizations are working together to redefine the Kingston waterfront and revive it as a center for community and maritime interests, and an environmental hub for the region.

Echoing the architecture seen along the Rondout creek, the building will serve in multiple capacities and provide a boat shop for the sloop as she winters at her new home port. The two story timber frame structure is being designed by architect Allan Shope, Clearwater's board president. Plans for the final construction involve employing local craftsmen and volunteers in a traditional barn raising.

At the River Day press event, US Representative Maurice Hinchey addressed the community about the benefits of the partnership, stating, "I believe that the synergy of these two outstanding organizations will propel the Kingston waterfront to a position as one of the premiere ports on the Hudson River."

The two organizations will collaborate in designing the new construction and will work together to raise the funds necessary to complete the Kingston Home Port project.



*Pictured at right: Photo rendering of the new construction that will be built on the HRMM property. (Courtesy of Allan Shope.)*