



The Compass

December 2018

Newsletter of North River Friends of Clearwater

NEXT MEETING, DECEMBER 5

NOTE: We will have our regular meeting in addition to the Winter Solstice Dinner!

The next **NRFC** meeting will be held on December 5th at Stephen Smith's office, LaBella PC (previously Novus Engineering), 25 Delaware Ave., Delmar, NY. Potluck will be at 6:30 PM followed by the meeting at 7:00 PM.

NEW YEAR'S EVE OPEN HOUSE*

Join Delmartians Jas and Lydia for their ...28th - 29th, maybe even 30th, celebration of the **NEW YEAR** Monday, December 31st at 7:00 p.m. onwards for a buffet dinner. Sides and entrées absolutely provided, but if you care to bring a little dessert to share, it would be **MUCH** appreciated. Come early for dinner, stay, or leave and come back if you wish. We'll be there all eve to welcome **YOU** to help **US** celebrate the stroke of 2019. No RSVP needed unless you bring a horde of new guests. Questions? Text or call 518-527-2200.

* **Directions:** 2 Leonard Pl, Delmar, NY is 0.3 miles south/west of Delaware Shopping Plaza. Leonard is a right (coming from Albany), off Delaware Ave; turn at the Howard Hanna Realty. Park **ON** our lawn perpendicular to Leonard Pl., or at the Realty office parking lot, or near Phillip's Hardware. **PLEASE** don't park on the street in front of our across-the-street neighbor's house.

NRFC ANNUAL "SACRED" SOLSTICE DINNER

Come celebrate and be joyous at the coming of new light after our dark and cold Fall.

NOTE: New date, venue and time!

We will gather on Sunday, December 9th at 4 p.m. at SCARBOROUGH'S on 497 Old Niskayuna Rd, Latham, NY. (Behind Peter Harris' Latham Plaza) We are there at our lovely new place due to circumstances beyond our control (middling long story) but surely a good time will be had. We will be able to select from a variety of entrées, at least 4-5 (entrée choices will be emailed to all folks who sign up - via preorder - by Monday, December 3rd). Plan on about \$40-45 pp, cash OK but check preferred, and will include soft drinks, coffee/tea, table appetizers to share, a house salad and your entree, and tip. Cash bar as usual. See you there!

PLEASE CONTACT ME ASAP BEFORE DECEMBER 3RD IF YOU HAVEN'T DONE SO ALREADY

----- Lydia 518-527-2200 text/cell/VM



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**ALERT: ANNUAL MEETING
JANUARY 19-21, 2019
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.
WEEKEND**

The **NRFC** Annual meeting, aka "wimps in the wilderness weekend" will be held in Lake Placid this year. Unfortunately, the eclectic but beautiful home we leased last year is not available to us, so we are gathering at an even fancier place in Lake Placid. More info will be provided in the January 2019 COMPASS, but also, hopefully, at the December 5th **NRFC** business meeting at the La-Bella office venue. Interested? See you there or call, text, email me (518-527-2200).

We have some people who have already said YES at a previous **NRFC** meeting, but there is likely room for more. Lake Placid is a great place to stroll, shop, ski, sightsee, etc., and hopefully the weather won't be quite as frigid as it was at our last weekend there (-20F). --lk

NRFC CALENDAR

- 12/5 **NRFC** Monthly Meeting, 25 Delaware Ave., Delmar, NY, Potluck 6:30, Meeting 7:00.
- 12/9 **NRFC** Annual Solstice Dinner, Scarborough's, 497 Old Niskayuna Rd., Latham, NY, 4:00, (See article on page 1)
- 12/31 New Year's Eve Open House, 2 Leonard Pl., Delmar, NY, 7:00. (See article on page 1)
- 2019
- 1/2 **NRFC** Monthly Meeting, Location TBD, Potluck 6:30, Meeting 7:00.
- 1/19-21 **NRFC** Annual Meeting, aka Wimps in the Wilderness, Lake Placid, NY.

**VETERAN'S DAY WEEKEND
FOURTH LAKE (INLET, NY)
NOVEMBER 9-12, 2018**

What a weekend to commemorate Armistice Day! While the name of the holiday changed long-ago to recognize the service of those who subsequently served in USA's many military events, our weekend was all the more poignant in that it was 100 years since the signing of that hopeful, but all too short treaty. To recognize that sad fact, **NRFC** held a moment of silence on November 11th - with hopeful thoughts that someday humans will choose peace.

But our weekend: Friday eve showed nature in a mini-fury with wicked snow squalls and icy roads (and best of all), a 5+ hour power outage. Miraculously, we had the comfort of cooking, light, and heat, all due to a marvelous propane-run generator. How fortunate, in that **NRFCers** were able to still cook a smorgasbord of tasty things, were able to read, play, knit, play pool, and listen to music, admire the tumultuous waters of Fourth Lake, all in the cozy and inviting lodge that is Tussing's. Saturday dawned to bad road conditions but good enough eventually to allow some participants to shop (of course), and others to hike along a section of the TOBIE Trail, which is a lovely 14-mile abandoned rail-line trail from Inlet to Thendara. Parts of the section we hiked were even good enough for XC, though we did not have equipment to participate in that. Feasting again

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◀ Membership Application ▶

Enclosed is my check/money order/cash for membership in North River Friends of Clearwater for the category checked:

☐ Individual (\$15.00/yr.) ☐ Family (\$20.00/yr.) ☐ Additional Contribution \$ _____

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Telephone (optional) Home: _____ Work: _____ Cell: _____

Email Address (optional): _____

Please mail to: North River Friends of Clearwater, P. O. Box 3842, Albany NY 12203

☐ I would like to know more about Hudson River Sloop Clearwater

VETERANS DAY WEEKEND CONT.

was part of the evening events, followed by Sunday's hike in Thendara to an abandoned dam and lock installation on the Moose River. Much to our amusement we saw - and one of us assisted some locals (yay, Jas!) - in the snow-slide-portage of a outboard-powered rowboat around the dam relics. We can only guess what those guys would have done without snow (and Jas) to slide-portage their heavy boat. Feasting, of course, again followed, and we awoke to a glorious dawn. Despite the red-sky at morning ditty warning sailors, a sweet day unfolded and we slowly packed and said farewell to a weekend of conviviality, good friends, and good food.Good food?! Oh, yes, let's not forget: cheers and accolades to Stephen for his omelets and French toast, to Dave and Pat's succulent salmon, and for everyone else's delicious dishes (lasagna and soup and salads and crudités and casseroles and homemade desserts and fruit, etc...) Here's to next year!

--- in no particular order: Stephen, Dan, Vicki, Barbara, Mike, Nancy, Teo, Patti, Dave, George, Kitty, Jas, Lydia



Photo by Kitty Trimarco



Photo by Nancy Papish



Photo by Teo Daley

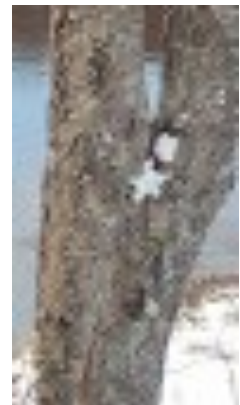


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Clearwater marked 50 years since the laying of the keel



Clearwater founder, Pete Seeger sings with the crowd that gathered to celebrate the laying of the Clearwater's keel on October 18, 1968 in South Bristol, Maine.

From Clearwater's November E-Newsletter. For full story, see <https://www.clearwater.org/latest-news/clearwater-commemorates-the-fifty-year-anniversary-of-the-historic-sloops-keel-laying/>

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CLEARWATER'S APPEAL

This Giving Tuesday, we are thankful for all we've accomplished in 2018 with the help of our dedicated supporters, members and volunteers who make this incredible work possible.



#GIVINGTUESDAY™
November 27, 2018

- Over 12,000 students participated in our award-winning education programs aboard the sloop Clearwater and along the banks of the Hudson River.
- Over 4,000 members have joined us in protecting and preserving the Hudson River.
- This year, hundreds of volunteers helped make the Great Hudson River Revival a resounding success, and nearly 100 volunteers spent a week living and teaching aboard the sloop Clearwater.
- Clearwater will continue to work toward safe decommissioning of Indian Point and just transitioning for plant employees.

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From Clearwater's November E-Newsletter. The donation form can be reached from <https://www.clearwater.org>.

The Compass Deadline

The deadline for submitting material for the January 2019 edition of The Compass is December 17th. E-mail items to nrfc_compass@yahoo.com, or mail to Sue Thrasher, 1 Aaron Dr. #4, Coxsackie, NY 12051.

Newsletter by e-mail

Want to save our \$\$\$? Save a tree? De-clutter your house? Have the newsletter sooner? **Receive interim updates & important info when available?** — Get The Compass on-line by sending your e-mail address to Sue Thrasher at nrfc_compass@yahoo.com.