NEXT MEETING, FEBRUARY 6

The next NRFC meeting will be held on February 6th 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.

CLEARWATER’S OPEN BOATS

A Free Family-Friendly Potluck with Music, Educational Activities, and Deck Tours.

Friday, February 8th, 5:00-8:00 PM
Sunday, March 3rd, 2:00-5:00 PM
Share food, songs, and friendship!

2019 NRFC CALENDAR

JANUARY Those who wish to will attend the Open Boat in Kingston.

FEBRUARY: The meeting will be February 6th.

MARCH: There will be an Open Boat in Kingston on Sunday the 3rd, from 2-5. Just show up.

We’re looking at the possibility of a winter maintenance workday in February or March. In time for the meeting, please check your calendars for dates that you’d be available.

Tabling at the Schenectady Farmer’s Market, date TBA.

A Clearwater benefit will take place at the Linda. WAMC says March 24 and 31 are available, and possibly a date in April if those don’t work out.

Stephen is contacting performers with good name recognition to try to boost attendance. He noted that the trade-off may be that they may ask to be paid. It’s hoped that better known performers will increase attendance enough to offset what they’ll be paid. Stephen says he should have some names and a firm date by the February meeting.

APRIL: The meeting date is the 3rd.

Our participation for the Earth Day cleanup will be scheduled for either the 20th or 27th.

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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 _____________________________________________________

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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
MEDIA ALERT
January 24, 2019
The Great Hudson River Revival (The Clearwater Festival) Will Return to Croton Point Park on June 15-16, 2019

BEACON, NY – The Great Hudson River Revival (Clearwater Festival) will return to Croton Point Park on June 15-16 on its traditional father’s day weekend. Revival is the country’s oldest and largest music and environmental festival, bringing together major musical acts and Clearwater’s own brand of green activism for a unique weekend every June. Clearwater Festival 2019 takes place on the banks of the Hudson River at beautiful Croton Point Park, Croton-On-Hudson, NY. Tickets will be go on sale in February 2019.
Who: Clearwater Board of Directors approves proposal confirming that the Clearwater Festival will take place in 2019
What: The Great Hudson River Revival (The Clearwater Festival) 2019 Dates Announced
When: June 15 and 16, 2019
Where: Croton Point Park, Croton-on-Hudson, NY
Why: Founded by Pete Seeger, the Clearwater Festival is the country’s oldest and largest music and environmental festival, bringing together major musical acts and Clearwater’s own brand of green activism for a unique weekend every June.
NRFC ANNUAL MEETING 2019
AKA WIMPS IN THE WILDERNESS

NRFC's weekend --- aka "WIMPS"-- is our long-standing winter weekend, this year on January 18 through 21, also Martin Luther King Jr. Weekend, in the old 1932 and 1980 Olympic village of Lake Placid. Also, as experienced last year, we had a weekend of bizarre weather! LAST year started as a day of 50°F followed by days of -20°F. THIS year we had a nice regular cold day followed by a mini-blizzard across the State, dropping on us an additional 1.3 feet of snow on top of an approximately 8-inch base. Nice white stuff, with 2 days of -14°F and up, and at times triple that in wind chill. Brrr indeed!

It was a good thing we had a perfectly lovely house in which to take our retreat: A little under 5,800 sq.ft. with ample sleeping quarters, bathrooms, a double oven, etc., all rolled up in an 1898 mini-mansion up on Sentinel Hill in Lake Placid. Eleven NRFCers stayed, with two Saranac Lake members joining in for a bit. The new owner of the house just purchased it the previous week so it was a learning experience for all. He's an anesthesiologist in Saranac Lake, but fortunately none of us required those services.

Besides our official agenda, we cooked and dined—rather extravagantly—and, of course, puzzled, finishing the one started at Veterans Weekend and making a good dent in another.

Clearwater Board President Stephen made some sweet evening music as well as being a superb chief breakfast chef, and the Paps made quite the la-de-da pinkies-up cake. Others of us enjoyed totally fabulous baked goodies by Vicki, Teo, Dan, and Kitty (Dutch sweets, too), roasted and sautéed and baked vegetable dishes by Kitty and Jas. Let's not forget savories including pickles, guacamole, smoked salmon and homemade lasagna, baked Alfredo-y chicken, salad, and Marsala-garlic roast turkey...the list goes on. Maybe we should call ourselves "North River Friends of Food"? Our outdoor pursuits didn't make up for all that energy intake save for shivering to stay warm. Snowshoeing the Peninsula Land Conservancy trails helped, as did a dogsled ride (though mainly by the

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PICTURES FROM WIMPS 2019
By Lydia Kosinski

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2/6 NRFC Monthly Meeting, 25 Delaware Ave., Delmar, NY, Potluck 6:30, Meeting 7:00.
2/8 Clearwater’s Open Boat, 50 Rondout Landing, Kingston, NY, 5:00-8:00.
2/10 Clearwater’s 4th Annual Spirit of the Hudson Gala, The Garrison, Garrison, NY, 3:00-7:00.
3/3 Clearwater’s Open Boat, 50 Rondout Landing, Kingston, NY, 2:00-5:00.
3/6 NRFC Monthly Meeting, Location TBD, Potluck 6:30, Meeting 7:00.
4/3 NRFC Monthly Meeting, Location TBD, Potluck 6:30, Meeting 7:00.
4/7 NRFC/Clearwater Fundraiser, The Linda, Albany, NY. (See page 1 articles for information.)

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The Compass Deadline
The deadline for submitting material for the March 2019 edition of The Compass is February 18th. E-mail items to nrfc_compass@yahoo.com, or mail to Sue Thrasher, 1 Aaron Dr. #4, Coxsackie, NY 12051.

Coeymans tug boat rounds up loose barge on Hudson
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