

Calendar

- Monday**
- **Ancram Comprehensive Plan Committee 7 p.m.** Town Hall, 1416 county Route 7, Ancram 518-329-6512
 - **Ancram Town Board workshop 8 p.m.** Town Hall, 1416 county Route 7, Ancram
 - **Claverack Planning Board 7 p.m.** Town Court Building, Route 217, Mellenville 518-672-7911
 - **Clermont Town Board 7 p.m.** Town Hall, 1795 Route 9, Clermont 518-537-6868
 - **Hudson City School District Budget Workshop 6 p.m.** High School Cafeteria, Harry Howard Ave., Hudson 518-828-4360
 - **Red Hook Planning Board 7:30 p.m.** Town Hall, 7340 South Broadway, Red Hook 845-758-4606
 - **Red Hook Village Board 7:30 p.m.** Village Hall, 7467 South Broadway, Red Hook 845-758-1081
 - **Rhinebeck Town Board 6:45 p.m.** Town Hall, 80 East Market St., Rhinebeck
 - **Taghkanic Town Board 7 p.m.** Town Hall, Route 82, West Taghkanic 518-851-7638
 - **Webutuck School District Board of Education 7:30 p.m.** 845-373-4100
- Tuesday**
- **Copake Park Commission 7 p.m.** Town Hall, 230 Mountain View Rd., Copake 518-329-1234
 - **Hillsdale Zoning Board of Appeals 7:30 p.m.** Town Hall, Main St., Hillsdale 518-325-5073
 - **Ichabod Crane Central School District Board of Education 7 p.m.** Middle School Library, Route 9, Valatie 518-758-7575
 - **Livingston Zoning Board of Appeals 7 p.m.** Town Hall, county Route 19, Livingston 518-851-9441
 - **New Lebanon Zoning Board of Appeals 7:30 p.m.** American Legion Hall, 7 Mill Rd., New Lebanon 518-794-8884
 - **Rhinebeck Village Planning Board 7:30 p.m.** Village Hall, 76 E. Market St., Rhinebeck 845-876-1922
 - **Taghkanic Planning Board workshop 7 p.m.** Town Hall, Route 82, West Taghkanic 518-851-7638
- Wednesday**
- **Copake Republicans Club 7 p.m.** Town Hall, 347 Mountain View Rd., Copake
 - **Claverack Republicans Club 7 p.m.** Town Hall, Route 217, Philmont 518-851-7570
 - **Claverack Town Board 7 p.m.** Town Court Building, Route 217, Mellenville 518-672-7911
 - **Ghent Planning Board 7 p.m.** Town Hall, 2306 state Route 66, Ghent 518-392-4644
 - **Greenport Town Board 7 p.m.** Town Hall, Town Hall Dr., Greenport

HUDSON

Juried art show draws a crowd

By Robert Lachman
Hudson-Catskill Newspapers

Every year the Columbia County Council on the Arts sponsors its popular Juried Art Show in Hudson.

At the opening, it seemed all of Hudson's artists and art lovers came out to the Hudson Opera House to view this year's eclectic array of dazzling art and photography.

CCCA Board President Marilyn Barry was on hand to greet the guests who enjoyed hors d'oeuvres from local merchants like Mexican Radio, Baba Louie's and the Swoon Kitchen and Bar.

More than 200 people showed up to peruse the art and see cash awards given to many of the participating artists for their groundbreaking work.

This year's juror for the show was director of the University at Albany Art Museum, Janet Riker, who brought years of experience as a gallery director, museum curator and exhibition organizer to help with the selection process.

"It was a wonderful evening and we were quite honored to have talked Janet into it," said Barry. "Some of the artists who showed their work this year have been identified by the New York Foundation of the Arts Mark Program as rising stars who will make their mark on the art world."

Denise St. Onge, Katarina Holbrook and Mimi Czajka Graminski were all given that honor and won awards for their work at the Hudson show.

CCCA Executive Director Colleen Scaffernoth announced the 11 prize winners and Fern Apfel won the \$500 Best in Show prize for her work "#3 Bird (Internal Audit)."

The five \$250 first prize winners were: Keith Batten for his painting "Car Jacking;" Jim Flosdorff for his photograph, "Old Church;" Mimi Czajka Graminski for her sculpture, "Knit Object;" Laura Cannamela for her mixed media piece, "Kagaribi" and Denise St. Onge for her



Contributed photo

Best in Show winner Fern Apfel, second from left, chats with First Prize winner Jim Flosdorff, right, as juror Janet Riker, third from left, looks on, at the 14th Annual Juried Art Show opening at the Hudson Opera House Feb. 14.

works on paper entitled "Sugar and Salt."

The \$100 second prize winners were Katarina Holbrook for her painting "Albany;" Scott Keidong for his photograph "Hop House;" Jean-Marc Superville Sovak for his sculpture, "It Can't Last;" Peter Gray for his mixed media piece "Device to Aid Prophecy" and Katherine

Gray for her works on paper entitled "Water Meters."

"This was a great show, it was good for the Hudson economy, and we all need to support each other," Barry said.

The Juried Art Show will continue at the Hudson Opera House until March 28, so get out and support local art and artists.

For more information on the show call the Hudson Opera House at 518-822-1438 or CCCA at 518-671-6213.

To reach reporter Robert Lachman, call 518-828-1616, ext. 2266 or e-mail rlachman@registerstar.com. To comment directly on this story, go to www.registerstar.com.

In brief

COLUMBIA COUNTY

Meetings rescheduled

Due to hazardous weather conditions, several Board of Supervisors' Committee meetings have been rescheduled or canceled.

Health/Mental Health Committee and Human Services Committee meetings have been canceled for February, as well as the Planning/Economic Development Committee.

Finance and Pine Haven Committees, previously scheduled for Feb. 24, have been moved to March 1 at 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. respectively.

Resolutions from canceled meetings will go to the Finance Committee for approval.

- Francesca Olsen

CHATHAM

Special board meeting

Chatham Central School District had to cancel the Feb. 23rd Board of Education meeting, so the Board is going to hold a shortened "Special Board Meeting" at 5 p.m. Tuesday in the MED Conference Room to act on two items.

The first is approving a Memorandum of Agreement with the Chatham Teachers' Association, and the second is extending the appointment of the district's interim treasurer.

COLUMBIA COUNTY

Videoconference

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Columbia County will host a state Comptroller's Satellite Videoconference from 6:30 to 8:45 p.m. March 10.

This month's teleconference is entitled: Fire District Management — Travel Procedures and Updates on Consolidation. The teleconference will be held in the Meeting Hall at the Extension Education Center.

Specific topics to be covered are: Travel Policies, Permissible Travel Costs and Legislative Update on Dissolution and Consolidation.

This program is designed for fire district commissioners, treasurers, secretaries and attorneys. Others involved in fire district operations may also benefit from the program.

The cost for the workshop is \$15 per person. To register or for more information, contact Peggy at the Extension Office at 518-828-3346.

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NEW LEBANON

NL creates conservation council

By Paul Crossman
Hudson-Catskill Newspapers

During a well-attended public hearing, the New Lebanon Town Board discussed creating a Conservation Advisory Council for the town, after which the board unanimously passed a resolution creating the council.

According to the board, the purpose of the advisory council is to help ensure wise use of the town's natural resources and the enhancement and protection of its environment.

"It's extremely important that we protect and conserve our town's natural resources," said town Supervisor Margaret Robertson. "The creation of this council is one step toward achieving this goal."

The response from the community during the public hearing was generally in favor of the creation of the committee, with many local people agreeing with Robertson that it was necessary to protect and enhance the natural resources of the town.

The law went into effect immediately and the council will begin work as soon as members are selected. According to the law, the advisory council "shall consist of not less than three or more than five members who shall be appointed by the Town Board and who will serve for a term not exceeding two years."

"It is recognized that the ecologic integrity of the natural environment ... and the natural and functional beauty of the surroundings which condition the quality of life in the town cannot be protected without the full cooperation and participation of all the people in the town working in partnership with local and state officials and with various public and private institutions, agencies and organizations,"

states the newly approved law.

The new law also seeks to address urbanization and technological change, as well as the changing demands these forces have on the natural resources of the community. The council will have the responsibility to advise in the development, management and protection of the town's natural resources.

Any vacancies on this council will be filled in the same manner as the town council seats and although Conservation Advisory Council members will receive no compensation for their services, they will be reimbursed for any reasonable and necessary expenses which are incurred during the performance of their duties as members of the council.

According to town Clerk Colleen Teal, the town is now accepting applications to be a part of the newly formed council. Anyone interested in helping conserve and enhance the natural resources of the town should contact her office in the New Lebanon Town Hall at 518-794-8888.

Anyone wishing to see a copy of the newly approved local law can review it in the town clerk's office during regular office hours or go to www.townofnewlebanon.com.

Another public hearing was held Feb. 8, in which the board unanimously decided to designate the town court clerk and deputy clerk as positions in the exempt class of the classified service, meaning the board may now appoint an individual who has not taken the Civil Service examination to the position of court clerk or deputy court clerk.

This law also went into effect immediately and a copy can be reviewed at the town clerk's office or on the town's Web site.

Corrections

Today's issue of *On the Scene* incorrectly lists that Discovering the Earth, an early childhood science program presented by Time and Space Limited, will take place on Saturday, Feb. 26 and Saturday, March 7. The program concluded last Saturday. Hudson-Catskill Newspapers apologize for any inconvenience its error may have caused.

In the story, "Probation Department weighs in on moving to Ockawamick that appeared in Thursday's edition of the *Register-Star*, it was stated that the earliest the department could move into the building was 2010. The date should have read 2012. We apologize for the error.

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