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The Sullivan Catskills, located just 90 minutes from the hustle and bustle of New York City, provides the perfect escape for those seeking a break from the routine and an opportunity to celebrate the season in a relaxed and joyous atmosphere.

One of the most enchanting aspects of the Sullivan Catskills during the holidays is the natural beauty that surrounds us. The snow-draped landscapes, frozen lakes, and frosted forests create a serene backdrop for all the festivities.

For those who wish to take part in the holiday shopping tradition, local boutiques, artisan shops, and holiday markets offer an array of handcrafted gifts and one-of-a-kind treasures. Or, pick up a gift certificate or season pass to Forestburgh Playhouse or Bethel Woods. In the spirit of the season, the communities of Sullivan Catskills come together to celebrate the holidays. Tree lighting ceremonies, holiday parades, and gatherings fill the calendar.

And let's not forget the delectable cuisine that graces the Sullivan Catskills during the holidays. Local restaurants and eateries serve up seasonal delights, and our craft beverage makers offer toasty warm spirits. The region's farm-to-table ethos means that your holiday meals are not only delicious but also a celebration of the region's rich agricultural heritage.

For outdoor enthusiasts, the Sullivan Catskills offers a plethora of activities. Snowshoeing, ice skating, and cross-country skiing are just a few of the winter sports that can be enjoyed in this snowy wonderland.

Whether you're coming here to reconnect with loved ones, create new memories, or simply enjoy the enchantment of the season, the Sullivan Catskills welcomes you with open arms.

To plan your travel itinerary, discover events, and find more information, visit www.sullivancatskills.com or follow @SullivanCatskills on Facebook and Instagram and download the free app Sullivan Catskills GO.



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Black Walnut, a new shop in Callicoon by The Farmhouse Project, has a classical, vintage, historic feel. Inside what was once the Delaware House Hotel, it's a space where you can shop for gifts while sipping a cocktail.

Autumn Schanil photo





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where Dickens does the holidays

t's hard to believe that the Holidays are just around the corner, and that means Dickens on the Delaware is too!

Kicking off at noon on Saturday, December 9th, the Victorian Holiday Wonderland in the hamlet of Callicoon will showcase the retail community, art galleries, and restaurants in all their holiday glam and spirit. Decorated to create the days of yore, shopkeepers will be dressed in Victorian garb, along with a holiday photo studio, caroling, live music, a holiday market, activities for children, horse and buggy rides, free theater and dance performances, hot chocolate, eggnog, spiced wine, seasonal treats and so much more. You won't want to miss this special day!

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he holiday season is both a beautiful time full of family, friends, and celebrations of food, as well as a stressful time, with people scrambling for gift ideas or setting up travel plans.

This is also the season that we need to care a bit more for ourselves and for others, with the decline in sunshine, moving our bodies less and spending more time indoors, breathing stagnant air.

Covered Bridge Honey can be both a gift AND a boost for your health.

Starting with hives in his backyard in Livingston Manor, retired SUNY Sullivan Professor Art Riegal has had an interest in bees since a young boy riding through the countryside where he lived, seeing the many beekeepers in their astronaut-like suits tending to their hives.

"I can remember it like it was yesterday, seeing the bee boxes, the smoke, and the beekeepers," said Art with a smile, "and as my kids were moving out of the house, and both my wife and I were retiring, I started reading about beekeeping and decided to take some classes to learn how to do it."



Covered Bridge Honey is raw, unfiltered, and hand jarred in Livingston Manor.

Art turns off the fence that surrounds the hive just before using the smoke to ease them so he can open the hives and harvest some of the honey with calm and care. He never takes it all, as the bees need it to get themselves through the winter.

Art learned from, what he considers to be the best place to learn, Hudson Valley Bee Supply.

"Jorik [Phillips] and Megan [Denver] are a couple that are extremely into educating other beekeepers, and they also have a supply business," Art said. "Their classes are phenomenal."

Shortly after, Art began beekeeping.

Having the hives in his backyard gave him daily access to the happenings of the hive, and with continued research he dove deeply into the world of bees and honey, sustainably.

"In the beginning, I was so happy with what I was doing, I was just giving honey away to family," Art explained, "but then slowly my wife and I turned it into a business."

They came up with the name Covered Bridge Honey due to their location, being close to the Livingston Manor covered bridge, and started an LLC (Limited Liability Company). Art now

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operates through two retailers, Haven Market in Livingston Manor, and Pepacton Natural Foods in Roscoe.

But now that Art and his wife sold their house to move closer to their kids, he had to move the hives. Luckily a woman reached out to him who had recently bought property in the Willowemoc Valley, and she thought the property would be the perfect place to have an apiary, as the previous owner of the property had transplanted - over decades - more than 400 wild blueberry bushes to the land.

"I made the move, and brought the hives here," Art said as he was putting his beekeeping jacket on, "and they're absolutely thriving. I'm looking forward to next year's honey, to see what it's like after a summer of wild blueberry blossoms."

Art plans on eventually adding a few more hives. For now the honey he harvests due to the hard work and diligence of the bees, is creamy and flavorful, rich and golden. A sweet spoonful of a treat with healing properties, especially in the colder months of the year.Find them on IG @coveredbridgehoney

In one hand, Art holds a beautifully creamed honey, and in the other holds a smooth rich honey.





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S hawn Lang's creativity and love for historic homes stems back to when he was a kid watching 'This Old House' with his Mom, later sketching homes and imagining how to renovate them.

Fast forward a decade or two, he and husband, Kris, found themselves looking at a historic house in the hamlet of Hortonville to buy as a weekend home.

"I just like the past. The historic elements of architecture that we don't see much of today," Shawn expressed. "I was always drawn to the abandoned-ness and the darkness of old homes, and the stories that they hold."

The weekend home quickly became their permanent home, and the inspiration for a new endeavor - The Farmhouse Project.

Doing some research before beginning renovations, Shawn and Kris found that the farmhouse was originally built in the 1800s by the Woodman Family, who were proprietors of the local grain mill. The property was significantly larger back then complete with horse stables and cattle fields, as well as black walnut trees - that still stand tall today.

"The Farmhouse Project started as us restoring the house," Shawn explained, "and it quickly led into DIY, entertaining, posting our own recipes, and gardening. Then, with my product design background I thought why not do a little online colleccontinued on page 20







Sustainable kitchen wares like ceramic soap dishes, handmade soaps, and dish scrubbers - cozy knitted beanies with colors and textures that pop, and glasswares like candle holders are just a few of the items you'll find at Black Walnut. If you're not in the mood to shop, you can lounge on vintage sofas or chairs, snack on a charcuterie board, and enjoy a cocktail unmatched in flavor.



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tion of locally made goods? So we started with our own screen printed tote bag, and it expanded into candles and pottery - all categories that revolved around entertaining, simple living, handmade items, and promoting local artisans," he continued, "but also promoting made in NY and made in America, which we're huge advocates of."

Shawn and Kris shared their renovations and processes on social media, and people from all over the states, and soon around the world, began to follow along. From there birthed their pop-up shops and artisan markets, with their Makers Markets and Terrain & Table dinners becoming sought out destinations and experiences for many.

It only seemed fitting that in time a more permanent space would come along to showcase all that The Farmhouse Project has to offer, and what better name than the trees that surround their historic farmhouse - Black Walnut.

"I had always wanted to have a shop, but we wanted to get our name out there first, and wait until it was right," Shawn said as he looked around the newly opened space. "Mostly I wanted to create a place that was very much like our house, so that when you walk in you feel at home."

Now officially open on Callicoon's Lower Main Street, Black Walnut has been buzzing with activity since their official opening night, pleasantly surprising those who remember the space as the local insurance office for decades.

"When we came in with Travis [O'Dell owner of the building], our friend and real estate agent, to look at the space, it was a leftover office space. It had the carpeted floor, the paneled walls, the low ceilings but it was large, and something inside of me got really excited and knew this was it," Shawn smiled. "I knew it was a historic building but I really didn't have any idea as to how historic."

The building, Shawn later found out, was originally the Delaware House Hotel constructed in the late 1800s, and the space where Black Walnut currently resides, was continued on page 22





Each piece inside Black Walnut from the furniture, to the wallpaper, to the homewares, is a piece of art, made by artisans for The Farmhouse Project, with sustainability in mind.

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the lobby. After peeling away layers and layers of the old office, grand tin ceilings and beautiful old oak floors were revealed beneath.

Doing much of the renovation themselves, opening took a little longer than expected, but it was worth the wait.

Black Walnut is dark while deeply cozy, it feels quiet yet robust with life. It feels vintage and classical, as well as earthy and sustainable. It's a place where you can find housewares and items that can't be found anywhere else, crafted and created with thought and care by The Farmhouse Project and artisans they've partnered with, but it's also a place where you can sink into velvety furniture and enjoy a cocktail. You can sip and shop, or you can lounge and snack on a cheeseboard.

There are more plans for the future, as visions for a larger kitchen and dining, dinners and workshops begin to come together.

"We really want this to be fun," Shawn added, "to be an extension of our home, who we are, and the products we believe in."





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Friday, November 17

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Saturday, November 18

There will be the 19th annual "Art in Sixes" showcase. This is their yearly small works group show. Gallery hours are Wednesday – Sunday, 11 am – 4 pm.

Sunday, November 19

The Claryville Fire Department is hosting a Pancake breakfast from 8 a.m. until Noon. Adults: \$11, Children Ages 5-11: \$5, Under 5 Yrs. Free. Take-outs are available 985-7270. \$50 from the Breakfast Is Donated to the Claryville Reformed Church Food Pantry. Located at 1500 Denning Road Claryville.

Thursday, November 23

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Friday, November 24

The James Dworetsky Holiday Parade invites you and your family to enjoy a holiday parade down Main Street in Jeffersonville. Parade starts at 7 p.m.

Saturday, November 25

Join us for Callicoon's 'Seventh Annual Holiday Tree Lighting' to officially start the holiday season together as a community. There will be caroling, bonfires, hot chocolate, s'mores for the kids and merriment for all! This will start at 5 p.m.

Sunday, November 26

The Port Jervis NY Tourism Board is excited to announce the return of the annual Christkindlmarkt, 10:00am to 5:00pm in historic downtown Port Jervis NY. (Krist-kindul-market) is an enchanting Christmas Market like those held throughout Germany during the Holiday season! There are specialty foods, handcrafters, and local retailers. Something for everyone on your Holiday gift giving list! 100+ vendors inside the Erie Trackside Manor and curbside. Twinkling lights, holiday





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Saturday, December 2

- Join for Holiday Magic in Narrowsburg. The Tusten Youth Commission and Narrowsburg Chamber of Commerce welcome all to Main Street and Fort Delaware for a full day of festivities, culminating with the annual Christmas Tree Lighting! The day will feature holiday characters, cookies & hot chocolate, horse-drawn wagon rides, singing carols, holiday photo studio, plus Santa Claus, and other special guests. This will begin at 12 p.m. and will end at 8 p.m.
- Join the Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association for Holiday Marketplace at the Liberty Mall. This will be located at 15 Sullivan Ave, Liberty.

Friday, December 8

Kick off the Christmas holiday season with song, laughter, and nostalgia as actors and carolers bring scenes from Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol to life. Doors open at 6 p.m. | Show starts at 7 p.m. Located at 1040 State Route 55, Eldred.

Saturday, December 9

- Join for Dickens on the Delaware. Dickens on the Delaware showcases the retail community in the picturesque hamlet of Callicoon on the Delaware just in time for your Holiday shopping! This event starts at 12 p.m. and ends at 8 p.m.
- The Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association is thrilled to invite you to participate in our upcoming Holiday Market at the Liberty Mall, taking place from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM. This is a wonderful opportunity to showcase your unique products and services to our community during the holiday season. Located at 15 Sullivan Ave, Liberty.

Sunday, December 10

Liberty Elks Lodge is hosting a Craft Fair from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Do some holiday shopping with us and find a wide variety of items available for purchase. Refreshments on sale throughout the day and there is no entrance fee for customers. Located at 21 John Street, Liberty.

Sunday, December 24

Spend the holiday with those near and dear while enjoying a merry feast at The Homestead Restaurant + Lounge. Festive Holiday Dinner includes your choice of starter, entrée (sides included) + dessert, with appetizers available for an additional charge. Accepting reservations starting at 2 p.m. \$68 per person (excluding tax + tip) | Reservations required.

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