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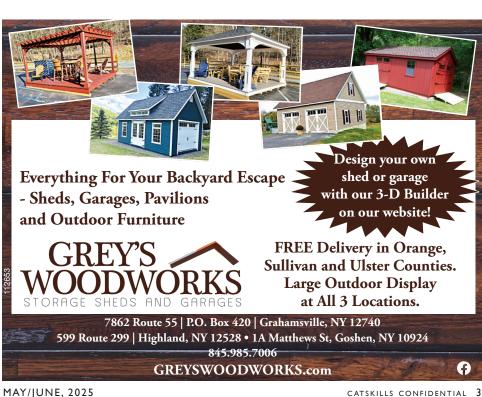
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By Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association

s the days grow longer and the Catskills come alive in full bloom, we at the Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association (SCVA) are thrilled to welcome a new season filled with unforgettable experiences, exciting events, and the undeniable beauty of our region. Whether you're a lifelong resident, a weekend visitor, or planning your first visit, there's never been a better time to explore the Sullivan Catskills.

We're kicking off the season with festivals and happenings that showcase the best of our food, arts, music, and great outdoors. Farmers markets are returning to our towns and hamlets—from Callicoon to Rock Hill—bringing with them fresh local produce, handmade goods, and the friendly faces of our vibrant communities. Music lovers can head to Bethel Woods Center for the Arts, where the concert season is already heating up. From classic rock to country, pop, and throwback music, there's something for every taste. Be sure to also check out the new exhibit at the museum while you're visiting!

For families, outdoor enthusiasts, and everyone in between, our trails, lakes, and adventure parks are calling. Hike to panoramic vistas, paddle the Delaware River, or try your hand at fly fishing! Also be sure to stay tuned to our local calendar of events! The Sullivan Catskills is thrilled to be bringing back Drag Me to the Catskills from June 13th-15th, a wild weekend celebration of LGBTQ+ pride and self-expression. Expect dazzling drag queen performances, dance parties, brunch and more. Then get ready for local favorites like the Livingston Manor Trout Parade, the Callicoon Tractor Parade, the Sullivan O&W Rail Trail Multi-Day Walking Adventure and more!

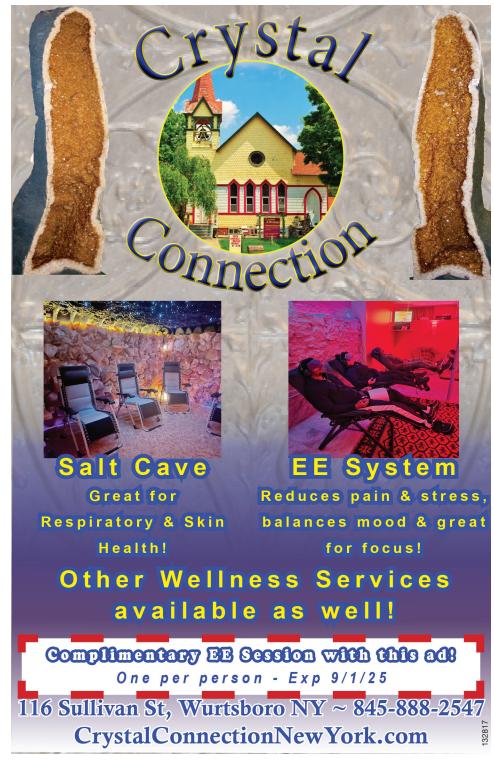
Looking for the perfect summer getaway? Our boutique hotels, cozy cabins, and luxurious lodges are ready to welcome you. From poolside cocktails to pet-friendly stays and spa treatments, we've got accommodations for every style and budget. Be sure to book early—summer weekends fill up fast!

Don't forget to follow us on social media and visit our website for a full calendar of events, maps, guides, and tips to help you make the most of your Sullivan Catskills season.

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anal Street in Ellenville is a small utopia of eccentric shops, restaurants, and cafes, and the home of cool and funky, new & secondhand vinyl record shop, Everything Nice.

A brick building with stone steps, a beautiful wooden frame, and a large window with a popping red rose, the storefront of Everything Nice is impossible to miss, and once inside, the music makes your heart skip.

Records new in their packaging line shelves on the walls next to classic vinyl of some of the greats like David Bowie, Donnie & Joe Emerson, and the Beatles. On the opposite wall are new and secondhand books along with small gifts and art.

Owner Jessica Clark is behind the continued on page 10



how to play nice



A record listening station at the front so you can sample tunes, books to browse, shirts to rep, and local gifts for yourself or a friend, Everything Nice has a little bit of everything.

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counter with a big smile and a passion for all things old-school.

"The turning table up front is a listening station so if there's anything you want to check out, feel free," Clark says to a customer browsing the records.

Clark opened Everything Nice a little over two years ago, after being in the music industry for most of her adult career.

"I'm a lifelong record collector and I've always wanted to have my own little record shop," she explained. "So after the pandemic, and phasing out of a job with a small record label, I knew this was the next step in my music dream."

Clark has always had a love for analog things and the tactile experience - film photography, vinyl records, preferring a book to a kindle - along with the connections that can be made through art, culture, and music.

"It's wild that someone can walk into the shop and we may seemingly have nothing in common, but we both love a certain song on a certain album, and that one thing opens a up a whole world between you," she said



Everything Nice

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with a smile. "Art and music foster special relationships, and I really love that."

And she carries conversation pieces for everyone at the shop from cassette tapes, to clothing, to the music you love, whether it's classic, soul, pop, or Taylor Swift.



If you have a love and appreciation for vinyl, new and used, be sure to stop in to browse, listen, and talk music before heading home with a new record under your arm.

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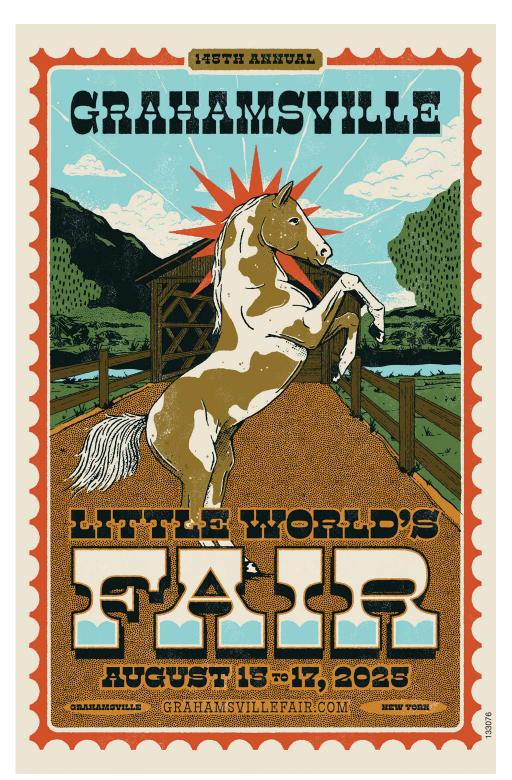
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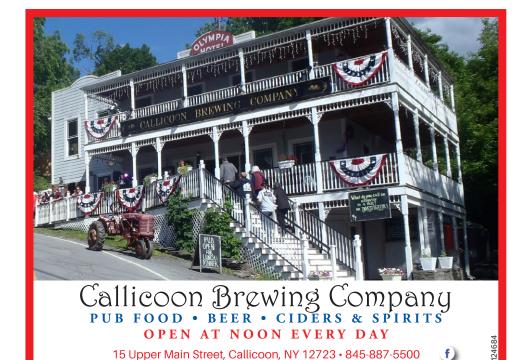
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comfort by nature



≺he Beaverkill Valley Inn has long been a destination for fly fisherman, nature enthusiasts, and those seeking a scenic respite from the hustle and bustle of modern life.

Constructed in 1895 by Mr. and Mrs. J Rankin Towse, the Inn is one of the only country Inns of its size, style and era that is still in operation in the Beaverkill region, and with recent renovations and

upgrades this past winter, it remains as unique and tranquil as ever before.

Standing grand in the valley amongst the trees on the banks of the Upper Beaverkill River, the Inn is peaceful and harmonious with the nature which surrounds it.

With a large wrap around porch, card room, hand carved oak mantles above original brick fireplaces, farm-to-table

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cuisine, 19 comfortable rooms, an ice cream parlor, tennis courts, indoor pool, flower gardens and open fields on 60 acres within the Catskill Park, it's an eden for most.

On the National Historic Register, the Inn is well sought out by visitors near and far, understandably. So if you're looking for a cozy place to stay and experience the wilds of the Catskills, look no further.



The Beaverkill Valley Inn

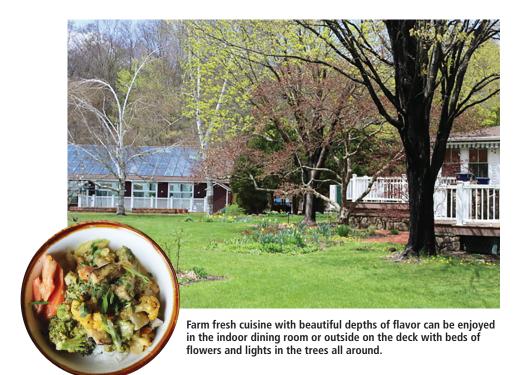
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The indoor pool is warm and relaxing with plants all around, the clubhouse dining room is spacious, airy and comfortable, while the billiards and card room are made for evenings of connection and fun.











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more memories from the borscht belt

by Autumn Schanil

he Borscht Belt Historical Marker Project is back at it this year with six more marker dedications and cultural programs slated for the summer and fall, expanding the marker number from nine to 15, with trail completion in 2026.

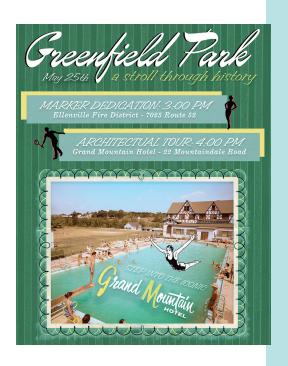
This year's lineup includes a historic Borscht Belt hotel tour, a film screening in an iconic Borscht Belt nightclub, illustrated talks, a community gathering and a "Borscht Belt Bash."

The first two marker dedications will happen at the end of this month on Saturday, May 24 at the Ellenville Public Library and Sunday, May 25 at the Ellenville Fire District in celebration of Greenfield Park.

The final three for the year will be on July 17 in Loch Sheldrake, August 23 in

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Borscht Belt Historical Marker Project 2025 Marker Dedications & Events

Saturday, May 24: Ellenville Sunday, May 25: Greenfield Park Thursday, July 17: Loch Sheldrake Saturday, August 23: Woodbourne Sunday, Oct 5: Parksville Saturday, Oct 18: Livingston Manor

Saturday, May 24: Ellenville Marker Dedication & Illustrated Talk

Our 10th historic marker dedication will honor the Borscht Belt history of Ellenville! Join us at the Ellenville Public Library (40 Center Street) for a marker dedication at 3:00 pm. Reception to follow at 4:00 pm. At 5:00 pm, make your way to The Common Good (119 Canal Street) for an engaging discussion on Ellenville's Borscht Belt history, titled Borscht Belt Reborn: Art, History, and the Ellenville Legacy, featuring photographers Isaac Jeffreys and Marisa Scheinfeld, The event will offer themed cocktails, followed by a book and print signing. All events are free and open to the public.

Sunday, May 25: Greenfield Park Marker Dedication & Architectural Tour

Join us for the dedication of our 11th historic marker, celebrating the notable history of Greenfield Park! The ceremony will take place at 3:00 p.m. at the Ellenville Fire District (7025 Route 52). After the dedication, take a short drive to the continued on page 22

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Grand Mountain Hotel (22 Mountaindale Road) for a 4:00 pm architectural tour of this historic Borscht Belt hotel. This "Stroll Through History" will be led by preservationists Peter A. Chester and Louis Inghilterra.

Both events are free and open to the public.

Thursday, July 17: Loch Sheldrake Marker Dedication & Film Screening Join us for the dedication of our 12th historic marker, honoring Loch Sheldrake's vibrant Borscht Belt history! The evening kicks off with a ceremony at 6:00 p.m. at the corner of Route 52 and Loch Sheldrake Road. Afterward, make your way to Vacation Village (712 Loch Sheldrake-Hurleyville Rd), once known as the Evans Hotel. Enjoy a meal at the King of Delancey, then head to the iconic Bronco Room Nightclub for a special screening of

The dedication is free to attend, and the film is \$10. Advance registration via Eventbrite is suggested.

A Walk on the Moon at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday August 23: Woodbourne Marker Dedication & Live Stream

Join us for the dedication of our 13th historic marker, honoring the Borscht Belt history of Woodbourne! The ceremony will be live streamed on our Facebook and Instagram accounts at 9:00 pm. If you'd like to attend in person, you're welcome to join us at 437 Main Street. This event is free and open to all.

Sunday, October 5: Parksville Marker Dedication & Borscht Belt Bash!

Join us for the dedication of our 14th historic marker, celebrating the hamlet of Parksville! The ceremony will take place at 2:00 pm at the intersection of Old Route 17 and Short Avenue. Afterward, join us for a Borscht Belt Bash -- wine, cider, visuals and live music at the art collective New Memories (862 Parksville Road) along with themed food for purchase from Double Up. This event is free and open to all!

Sunday, October 18: Livingston Manor Marker Dedication & Visual Presentation

Join us for the dedication of our 15th historic marker, honoring the vibrant history of Livingston Manor! The ceremony will begin at 2:00 pm at Life Repurposed (62 Main Street). Following the dedication, Catskill Art Space (48 Main Street) will host a lively 3:00 pm presentation on Livingston Manor's Borscht Belt era history. These events are free and open to all!

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Woodbourne, October 5 in Parksville and October 18 in Livingston Manor.

The Borscht Belt Historical Marker Project. its markers, and the events, aim to be a fun and educational endeavor connecting people and the community at large with the rich history of the Borscht Belt - a celebrated era in American Jewish life, American culture and Catskill history.

You can visit

borschtbelthistoricalmarkerproject.org for more information or to follow along on social media



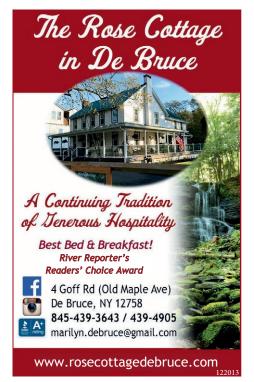
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Thursday, May 15

DVAA hosts Sage Sessions. Games will be the theme, we have plenty of cards and board games or bring your own favorite game and teach a friend! Enjoy a delicious lunch catered by The Noble Pot and locally roasted coffee from 2 Queens. Free event and no registration is required. Anyone 60 years or more living in Tusten or the surrounding area is welcome. Free street parking available and next to the post office on Main Street, Narrowsburg.

3rd Thursday Networking Mixer from 5-7pm at Big Eddy Brewing Co., 98 Main Street, Narrowsburg.

Friday, May 16

NYS Division of Consumer Protection discusses how to protect your data while online hosted by The Livingston Manor Library, 92 Main Street. Event is at 5pm. For more details visit www.livingstonmanorlibrary.org/programsignup or call 845-439-5440.

Community Wellness Event at Honesdale Central Park organized by Wayne Memorial Community Health Center from 4-7pm. Free refreshments, live music, health and wellness

vendor tables and a chance to win an overnight stay for four at Kalahari Resorts.

Olivia Shultis and Meghan Smith in a program entitled Popular Music of the Eras on May 18 presented by Town of Lumberland Cultural Series at 3pm at Town Hall, 1054 Proctor Road, Glen Spey. Tickets at the door-adults \$10, children 12 and under \$5. For more information call 845-856-6372.

Saturday, May 17

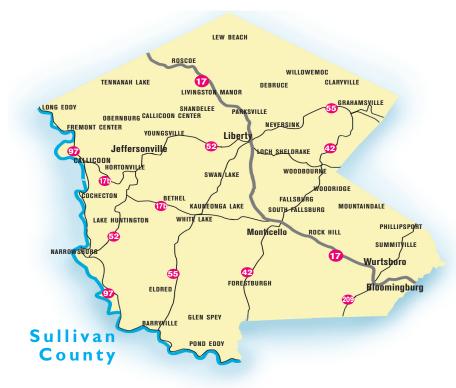
Mark Philip Stone will discuss his recent book, The Exquisite Corpse at the Mamakating Library, 128 Sullivan Street, Wurtsboro at 1:30pm. This program is free and open to the adult public interested in paranormal fiction, mystery, and/or sc-fi. Registration required online by using the calendar feature at mamakatinglibrary.org for by calling 845-888-8004

First Sullivan County Volunteer Fair at Cornell Cooperative Extension, Liberty from 10am-2pm. Volunteer organizations are ready to talk. For more information call Roosa at 845-807-0255 or email monika.roosa@ sullivanny.org.

Take Out Chicken BBQ in the parking lot at The Time and Valleys Museum, Grahamsville from 4-6pm. Tickets \$15. For more information call 845-985-7700.

Past, Present, Future: the Callicoon Depot, Silos and Library. A conversation program at 1pm at the Delaware Free Branch of WSPL. For more information and to register visit WSPLonline.org or call 845-887-4040.





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Tuesday, May 20

Tri-Gal 4-H Club Bake Sale from 12pm-8pm to help fund their community service projects and club activities. For more information or if you are interested in joining 4-H in Wayne County or becoming a screened volunteer, call the Penn State Extension Office at 570-616-0880.

Friday, May 23

How Does a Tree Work? Join the Delaware Highlands Conservancy for an exciting day into the inner workings of a tree from 1-2:30pm. Explore the fascinating processes that allow a tree to grow, thrive, and interact with its environment, from how trees transport water and nutrients to the vital

roles they play in ecosystems. This program is both indoor and outdoor. Be prepared to walk on sloped terrain, wear closed-toe shoes and comfortable clothes. Fee is \$5 for members, \$10 for non-members. For more information call 570-226-3164/845-583-1010 or visit www.DelawareHighlands.org.

Saturday, May 24

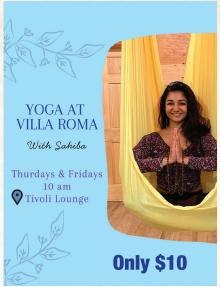
Roscoe Anglers Market will be held at the Roscoe Community Center, 1968 Old Route 17, Roscoe from 10am-3pm. Tables available at \$15 and can be shared. Bring fishing items, collectibles, and outdoor items. Contact Manny Zanger at beamoc@hvc.rr.com or 607-498-5464 for information.

Sunday, May 25

Bradstan Cabaret Series Opening Night with Lorna Luft at 7pm. Doors open at 6pm. Share her adventures of growing up through songs made famous by her mother, Judy Garland. Have dinner at The Homestead Restaurant and Lounge before the show and receive 15% off your meal.

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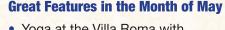




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