

The Preserve Observer

Friends of the Rockefeller State Park Preserve Magazine Vol. XXXII Fall 2014



Featured Artist: Huang Yue

Huang Yue, one of China's most renowned artists, is honored at the Art Gallery of the Rockefeller Park Preserve in an invitational exhibition of contemporary works of art reminiscent of the delicate imagery found in century-old Asian art. Bird and flower paintings are Mr. Yue's symbolic reflection of mankind's spirit and ideology that unify East and West, not only in concept, but use of mediums such as Chinese water inks and rich colorful oils. Since graduating with a fine arts degree from the Beijing Film Academy in 1982, more than two hundred works of art have been acquired by distinguished collectors in the USA, the Pacific Rim and cultural centers abroad.

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Meet the Artists Inspired to **Create The Friends Logos**

"We find the Works of Nature still more pleasant, the more they resemble those of art. "

-Joseph Addison

Over the years, the Friends have been fortunate in having several artists contribute their vision and work to our fundraising efforts. Inspired by the beauty of the carriage trails, these artists created works solely to be used by the Friends to further inspire our community of hikers, runners, equestrians, and nature lovers. We would like to acknowledge and celebrate these artists for the works they have contributed and the expressions of beauty we have been able to share with all those who love the Preserve.

Our logo for the Friends was designed circa 1996 by Mary Louise Pierson. Mary Louise studied at the Rhode Island School of Design and is an avid and knowledgeable equestrian. While she currently

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Tommy Capossela assessing the damage on Old Sleepy Hollow trail

An Ongoing Task: Keeping **Our Trails In Top** Condition

By Stella Medina, Friends Vice President

Greetings to all our Friends of the Rockefeller State Park Preserve. 2014 was a busy, and successful year for us on the trails. Between the State of New York and the public's generous contributions to the Friends, we were able to complete many needed projects.

Between end of October 2013 and end of August 2014, the State spent \$42,602 on carriage road repairs and maintenance. Many roads received attention: Eagle Hill, Lucy's Loop,

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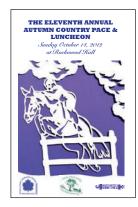


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resides in Vermont, her familiarity and love of the trails led her to create our beautiful logo. Recently, in 2013, we updated the logo by wrapping it in a leaf, while maintaining the original image exactly as designed. In our eyes, the logo contains everything that an image can convey about the Preserve--the horse and carriage, trees and nature, and young family.

"It was a gift and a privilege to have those amazing trails as our back yard to play in as children. To know that I can pay back to help save these carriage roads for many generations to come is an honor." – Mary Louise Pierson

Alta Buden is a young artist who grew up near the trails. She studied at the University of Chicago, where she obtained a Bachelor of Arts in Fine Arts and History. Her work spans several mediums and includes drawings, paintings, and cut-outs. In the years 2010-2011, she designed our Autumn Pace journal covers, with the latest one being an artistic cut-out of a horse jumping. Alta is



currently continuing her artistic endeavors in the NYC area and we are certain of her continued success.

"Creating art for the journal cover has been a small way for me to contribute to the park and its future. I grew up playing in the park and know how valuable it is. I love the idea of helping events like the pace bring new people in to appreciate it." – Alta Buden

Kelly Thompson is an accomplished runner and is the Chief Design Officer at ImageWork. Her career has included a vast portfolio of designs on Rich Client, Web, Mobile and Responsive media for such platforms as Microsoft, Open Source, Apple iOS and Google android. Kelly has a BS in Information Systems from Pace University. Kelly grew up

exposed to an eclectic array of artwork and encouraged to create at an early age, as her father is an accomplished painter and sculptor with a Masters in Fine Arts. She volunteered to create our first "Rocky's 5k" t-shirt design in 2009. Featuring a tree with a lyrical path and leaves, it captured a wonderful peaceful feeling. Subsequent years have expanded on the theme with trees holding a heart and other



images. This year's design takes a different approach but still has much of the same spirit of community, health and peace. It will be unveiled, of course, at the Rocky's 5k on Oct. 25th.

"Bold, decisive, and dynamic are just some of the adjectives that describe Jessica Miller's work. Vibrant brushwork and vivid color embolden her canvas with a unique expression that captures the essence of her subjects. Whether painting a landscape or portrait, Jessica finds the indelible qualities that invigorate and fortify her work, leaving the viewer captivated by her interpretations of life and nature. Jessica's work seems influenced by the Fauvists of the 20th century yet remains uniquely and formidably an expression of herself and her time." — Andrew Lattimore

Originally from northern Michigan, Jessica now makes her home in the Hudson River Valley. She is best known for her portraits, recognizable for their expressionist style and vibrant color. Particularly popular are her half-hour portraits,



Summer at Rocky's – Jessica Miller

small paintings done in one quick sitting, which effectively capture likeness as well as mood. After graduating from the University of Michigan, Jessica studied at the School of Visual Arts and at the Art Students League in New York, with legendary painter Hananiah Harari, later continuing her studies with acclaimed portrait and landscape artist Andrew Lattimore. Her work is shown regularly in galler-

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The 13th Annual Autumn Country Pace



By Liz Meszaros, Administrative Director

On Sunday, October 19, our 13th Annual Autumn Country Pace took place at Rockwood Hall, overlooking the mighty Hudson River. Our Pace committee, this year led by new Pace Co-chairs Debbie Homer and Lynn Lucas, worked very hard with the Preserve and Old Croton Aqueduct (OCA) staff to make this event go off without a hitch. A new course was mapped out which included beautiful vistas and many challenging jumps. Many volunteers, along with the staff of the preserve and OCA worked together to ensure a safe and beautiful course. Our trail signs were also revived by a group of volunteers with a new coat of paint donated by our friends at Berger Hardware.

Our annual pace is a popular equestrian fundraiser that supports carriage road maintenance. This year, we were once again pleased to welcome some more new riders as a result of our collaboration with the Associated Bridle Trails Association, which offers riders the opportunity not only to compete in our pace, but in the Fall Pace Series. Many riders expressed their pleasure with the length and beauty of the new course this year and its many challenging jumps. Afterwards, over 210 guests enjoyed a delicious feast under the tent prepared by Turco's of Yorktown and served by Margaret Monteforte.

We would like to thank our volunteers who arrived at 6:45 am to get ready for the first team out at 8:21 am as the sun (thankfully) made her appearance. This event is an enormous undertaking that would not be possible without the 40 plus volunteers assigned on the trails, at the registration desk, the start and finish lines, the parking lot, the tent for set up, clean up, composting and selling raffles, and our timing crew who arduously calculate the pace results. We sincerely thank all of our volunteers for their hard work and dedication to this event.

We cannot forget our neighbors at New York Life Insurance Company who graciously lend us their parking lot each year. We also had assistance from the Ham Operators of the Westchester Emergency Communications Association who were instrumental in improving communications along the trails and with the Phelps Hospital Emergency Management EMS Team and the Briarcliff Manor Volunteer Ambulance Corps.

A raffle was part of the festivities for the day. The Friends would like to thank the following individuals or businesses who donated items for our raffle:

Aardvark Pet Supply, Pleasantville, NY

Beech Hill Farm, Pleasantville, NY

Blue Hill at Stone Barns, Sleepy Hollow, NY

Coffee Labs, Tarrytown, NY

Cornerstone Auto Repairs, Tarrytown, NY

Horse Connection, Bedford, NY

Mint Restaurant, Tarrytown, NY

Joanne Henry – Reiki Master Practitioner

Saddle Manor, Patterson, NY

Sweet Grass Grill, Tarrytown, NY

Tarry Tavern, Tarrytown, NY

Twisted Bit Saddlery, Scarsdale, NY

In addition our raffle, Friends Board Member Pat Jones organized and welcomed some new vendors to our event, who certainly added to the enjoyment and festivities of the day:

CM Ranch/Flying E Ranch

Diane Horton Photography

Ellerslie Custom Horse Blankets & Clothing

Patti Ettinger Artist

Pony's Paradise Horse Rescue

Saddle Manor Tack Shop

Trophies and Ribbons to 10th place were awarded. Congratulations to all of the winners!

First Place winners were:

Pleasure Division: Juliet Faust and Linda Powell

Hunt Division: Sharon Yapoujian and Heather Dewey

Western Division: Katherine Clark and Bill Andrews

Junior Division: Jessica Simonoff and Sonya Meberg

The Friends Board would like to thank all who have joined us this year to support the preserve and its beautiful trails and especially all of our volunteers who worked so hard to make this pace a success! We could not do it without you! Our Friends President Clare Pierson said, "Hope to see you again next year as we continue our Pace tradition! See you on the trails!"

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ies in New York and hangs in private collections throughout the U.S.

Jessica is also an avid and accomplished masters runner with the Taconic Road Runners Club, and frequently runs on the trail and can also be seen on the trails painting in plein air. When she heard that we needed a Grand raffle prize for this year's 5k, she eagerly volunteered to paint a landscape specifically for the race. It is titled "Summer at Rocky's". Jessica's work can be seen on her website at http://jessicamillerpaintings.blogspot.com/

Amelia Adams graduated Cum Laude from Centre College in Danville, Kentucky with a B.A. in Studio Art. She concentrated in Ceramics, and created a sculpture series of porcelain seed pods, including a pile of 120 hand carved acorns, pinecones, and maple pods. She also spent time drawing while living in Florence, Italy and Mossel Bay, South Africa. In Florence Amelia produced charcoal drawings and etchings, while in South Africa she worked on ink drawings and watercolors. Amelia also attended the New York School of Interior Design and worked as an assistant at Deborah Spiro Interiors in Bedford, NY. Amelia has recently relocated to Charleston, SC, where she continue to do watercolors and ink drawings. While in New York, she visited the Preserve and one day in particular, had a lovely time hiking to the Triple Arch Bridge on a sunny April morning with Andrew Cheever and their dog Taffy. Upon our request, Amelia readily and eagerly agreed to draw the Triple Arch Bridge for our new shirt, and visited the site several times and also researched historical photographs. The shirt will be unveiled later this fall/winter and we are excited about the debut. You will simply have to become a member or renew to get a t-shirt and show your love for the Preserve!

We thank all of our Preserve artists for donating their talent, time, and work, to benefit our beautiful Rockefeller State Park Preserve.

-Stella Medina, Friends Vice President





Special Holiday Offer from Westchester Wine Warehouse

We are happy to announce our new partnership between the Friends of the Rockefeller State Park Preserve and Westchester Wine Warehouse. Westchester Wine Warehouse is one of the leading wine and spirits retailers in the New York area. They are not only centrally located in Westchester but will ship wines and spirits across the United States. Westchester Wine carries an immense variety of wines, spirits and accessories, from the everyday to the collectible.

Through this exciting and novel partnership, Westchester Wine Warehouse will donate 5% of the total sales generated by our group, the Friends of the Rockefeller, back to the Preserve. All you need to do is mention or use the promo code **friendsrock** when ordering online at www.westchesterwine. com, on the telephone at (914) 824-1400 or in person at the store in White Plains. You will receive the same great pricing and service as always. Please help us raise as much as possible and take full advantage for your personal and corporate giving holiday shopping needs as the program is scheduled to last through December 31, 2014.

We have 3,500 passionate members. If everyone purchases a modest \$300 worth of wines, spirits and accessories between now and the end of the year, we will raise over \$50,000 to support preserving the "Rock."

If you have any questions, please call Ken Irving at the store 914-824-1400 or e-mail him at ken@ westchesterwine.com. He can assist you with all your fine wine needs. We look forward to a successful campaign!

To order by phone, please call 914-824-1400 53 Tarrytown Rd • White Plains, New York 10607 Store Hours: Mon - Sat 9a - 9p | Sun 12p - 7p

Thank you for supporting the Friends and have a Happy Holiday!

From the Friends President



By Clare M. Pierson

So much is happening at the preserve, where to start?

The friends have taken the results of our fundraising efforts and put almost \$100,000 into the carriage roads this year. It was a banner year for all of us, and we are very happy to be able to put your donations back into the preserve. Please see page one for the details of which roads we improved.

The 13th annual Autumn Pace was held on Oct. 19th, a bright, brisk, beautiful day, and a great time was had by all participants and observers. The Pace is our equestrian event of the year, and the riders really appreciated the new course carefully designed by Pace Co-Chairs Debbie Homer and Lynn Lucas. They stepped up to fill Lou Accurso's big shoes after his five years of leadership. Those who came as fans of the Pace and for lunch – a multi-course feast – enjoyed the views all around of the horses, the river, the people, the vendors and the information booths we set up. There was also a popular raffle, with prizes from various merchants.

The next weekend brought the Rocky's 5K, a sold-out race that is very popular with veteran runners and the less experienced alike. This being Sleepy Hollow in the Halloween season, costumes were not unusual on the trails, as well as the performances by several world class runners. Our own Stella Medina, the Friends VP, is the Race director, and always makes sure there are goodies to take home as well as a fun, supportive atmosphere. It's a great way to have a healthy day and support the preserve at the same time.

Our third event, which will take place this December 6th, is The Sleigh Exhibit. The visitor center will be filled with winter

scenes, an actual sleigh, and some beautiful paintings that will be for sale. This is a fundraising event that benefits the Friends and the preserve.

We were pleased to have our first membership meeting on September 20th. Many of our board members were present and we had a great time greeting preserve lovers and Friends' supporters at the visitor center. Look for more events of this kind in the future. It's a chance for you all to get to know us, and for us to hear your thoughts about the preserve and any ideas about how to support these beautiful carriage roads we all love so much.

See you out there on the carriage roads!



View from Rockwood Hall on Pace day

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Rockwood Hall- Once a magnificent 19th century Hudson Valley estat

Rockwood Hall is the site of the former estate of William Rockefeller, older brother of John D. Rockefeller Sr. and co-founder of the Standard Oil Company. In 1886, he built an imposing 200+ room mansion overlooking the Hudson River and established a self-sufficient country estate with stone barns, 17 greenhouses, livestock, tree nursery, ice house, dock and boat house, and personal railroad siding.



Frederick Law landscape wit roads through to weeping been poplars and roads





In 1998, Laurance Rockefeller (left) gave the estate to the Laurance S. Rockefeller Fund, with the stipulation that the Fund donate its interest in the property. Half the interest was given to the State of NY for park purposes and half to the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. The State then purchased Memorial Sloan Kettering's half interest to gain full ownership of Rockwood.





and Porcelainberry (Ampelopsis brevipedunculata), the "kudzu of Westchester County" which blankets the trees along the parkways. Over last several years, vine cutting and clearing temporarily made a difference, but on-going control efforts are required. The scale of what's needed is beyond what staff and volunteers can manage year to year. A new sustainable approach is needed.

For a fuller history of the pr http://rsppvolunte

e, Rockwood Hall is now a much loved bucolic section of Rockefeller State Park Preserve.

Olmsted designed the estate's h six miles of graceful carriage fields and forest. The specimen ech and hemlocks, oaks, tulip hododendrons growing today a to the original plantings.

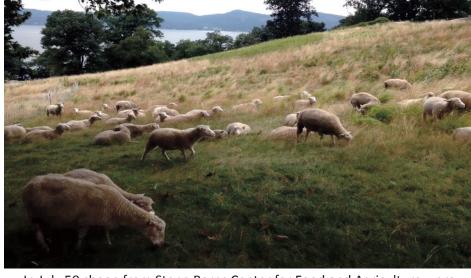




During the estate's heyday, a flock of 100 southdown sheep helped enrich the soil and trim the lawns. Southdown is a historically important British breed of sheep valued for fleece, meat, and for improvement of other breeds.

In recent years, Rockwood's steep slopes and massive stone walls have been overrun by two fast-growing Asian vine species, imported as pretty ornamentals over 100 years ago, but now highly invasive: the 5-leaf Akebia (Akebia quinata)





In July 50 sheep from Stone Barns Center for Food and Agriculture were moved to Rockwood to help manage the fields and test their ability to control the invasive vines. When the sheep were returned to Stone Barns for veterinary exams and breeding, 7 goats moved in. Chris O'Blenness, shepherd from Stone Barns, moves the flock every few days around the base of the foundation. This pilot project is anticipated to be expanded next spring. One aspect of the project is to explore how public lands which need active land management can partner with local farmers who need access to more land. For more information, see New York Times article (August 27).

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Spook Rock, Goat Trail, Gory Brook Trail, Old Sleepy Hollow Road Trail, Deer Run, Buttermilk Hill, Brothers' Path, Ridge Trail, Peaceful Path, plus others that were blown, mowed and cleared of fallen trees. At the time we write this, the lower half of Old Sleepy Hollow Road Trail is being reconstructed; the cost is estimated to be about \$30,000. And then there was the ongoing tree work and trimming done by NYS Preserve staff.

Old Sleepy Hollow Road Trail has had perennial drainage problems. The July 2014 storm eroded it almost down to the buried electrical and phone lines (see photo page 1). Rather than endless patching, September's project entailed improving the drainage with three new drainpipes in addition to the rebuilding and resurfacing of the road itself. This project is the last big State-funded project for this year, as major road work is not planned during winter months. Autumn is the time for mowing, blowing, tree work, and cleaning the drainage system. Of course, patches following storms will be done as necessary.

This year, with your help, the Friends was able to repair portions of Pocantico River and Gory Brook Trails. Along with repair of the wooden bridge at Witches Spring Trail, which had been heavily damaged by winter weather, this work was completed by June. Deer Run was then repaired in the summer. The combined cost of this work was \$56,100.

The Friends is now funding a new project on Buttermilk Hill. The work will consist of 3,200 feet of reconstruction, including reestablishing a drainage swale on the catch basin side of the trail, raising overhead branches, raising and lowering the trailside as needed to establish proper runoff, amending the shoulders with soil and seed as needed, and raising the trail with trail material including top dressing the entire trail with 4' of mix material. The estimated cost for this will be \$38,641. The total cost for all of the projects the Friends have funded in 2014 is approximately \$95,000.

Your donations, entry fees, and volunteer hours at our events are what have made this work possible. Thank You! We look forward to providing updates as work progresses and letting you know about new projects as they emerge. And we hope many of you were able to come to the Autumn Pace, on Oct. 19th, and the Rocky's 5k, on Oct 25th.

Wishing you a healthy and wonderful autumn, Your Friends of the Rockefeller State Park Preserve





WANTED:

REPORTS ON COYOTE SIGHTINGS IN AND NEAR THE PRESERVE

Pace University is studying the diet of coyotes in and around the Preserve. To help the students find scat (droppings), we want to identify locations where coyotes are repeatedly seen.

Please send information to Emily Cheadle via email (Emily.Cheadle@parks.ny.gov) or call the office at 914-631-1470.

Please leave exact location information as well as date and time.



From the Preserve Manager

By Susan Antenen

I've just completed my first year in the Preserve. I now know the once-confusing network of carriage roads, where the very large cucumber magnolia tree grows and the whiteeyed vireo nests, when the wineberries ripen, and how significant the serenity and beauty of the Preserve is to our visitors, many of whom come everyday. I've also learned how important volunteers are to the Preserve. We have a network of dedicated volunteers who pick up litter, call in problems, organize and man special events and exhibit openings, and enter permit records into State's computerized system and other data management projects. The exquisite tree peony garden in front of the office is 100% maintained by volunteers through the year. And volunteers take on special projects, such as creating a photo album about the history of Rockwood Hall, photographing native pollinators (wild bees), conducting our spring Breeding Bird blitz, and gathering baseline information on the field and pastures. We even have a jogger volunteer who unlocks the parking lot restrooms super early in the morning to extend the hours we can keep them open.

And the list of valuable volunteer contributions continues... A Girl Scout and her troop with help from the Briarcliff High School running team installed 154 trail markers throughout the Preserve. The Briarcliff team also joined forces with Pleasantville and Sleepy Hollow track teams to "give back" to the Preserve through a work day at Rockwood Hall to pull vines off trees and walls, remove graffiti, and dig invasive swallowwort plants.

I'd particularly like to thank the Friends of Rockefeller State Park Preserve for raising private funds for carriage road repairs and underwriting reconstruction of three eroded roads – Deer Run and the spur to the equestrian parking lot, Buttermilk Hill above the old orchard, and a stretch of the Pocantico River Trail. Next time you're in the Preserve, check out these smooth, well-drained trails and thank the Friends.

We are now seeking to expand our volunteer corps to include hardy land stewards to assist with forest stewardship. Tackling specific invasive species in priority areas is vital to the future of the Preserve. Please join one of our invasive weed work days (think of it as "weed therapy" because it's so relaxing and gratifying). Ecological education is incorporated into this initiative.

We also seek outgoing park lovers to man pop-up information tables at busy intersections on weekends. The tables, which contain our new maps, information about the Preserve, and natural history objects, such as snake skins, deer skulls, turtle shells, and feathers, have been useful way to connect with visitors who don't enter through our main entrance. People appreciate the chance to ask questions. After a training session, 12 Kendal-on-Hudson volunteers enjoyed manning the pop-up table at Rockwood this summer.

The "go to" place for current information about volunteer opportunities and the Preserve is our new blogspot www.RSPPvolunteers.blogspot.com. You can contact Emily Cheadle for more information (Emily.Cheadle@parks.ny.gov).

We're recruiting volunteers for the following:

- Gardeners to help maintain tree peony garden
- Land stewards to help dig highly invasive black swallowwort and selective weeding of invasives along Lucy's Loop and become part of a trained corps.
- Weekend outreach volunteers to man pop-up information tables to help us connect with visitors away from the preserve entrance, such as by Swan Lake, the Pocantico River trail, and near the Old Croton Aqueduct. If you know the trails and love the Preserve, you're a good candidate.
- Future special projects, such as water quality monitoring.

Please help us recruit volunteers for outdoor work. Talk us up with your children and grandchildren, cousins, neighbors and co-workers. On behalf of all of us at the Preserve, thank you and best wishes – Susan Antenen

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Your Help Needed For a Dire Menace

By Susan Antenen

The real scary nightmare lurking in the forests and fields of Sleepy Hollow is a little known, but increasingly common, invasive vine called black swallowwort (Vinecetoxicum nigrum). Although related to the common milkweed, which is a primary food plant for the Monarch butterfly, swallowwort does not support Monarchs and other insects, and in fact, it may even be toxic to the Monarch larvae. Swallowwort has no natural enemies in North America; even deer don't eat

it. The root systems may release chemicals that alter the soil and favor soil fungi that benefit swallowworts, but deter other plants.

This dark-green, glossy leafed vine was first observed in the Preserve in 2006. Despite some control efforts over the years, this summer we found many scattered occurrences in Rockwood's fields and the open forest along Peggy's Way trail. This is very worrisome as this species has the capacity to spread rap-

idly by airborne seeds and quickly spread to completely dominate hundreds of acres, which has huge ecological and aesthetic impacts.

You may have noticed patches of bare earth in these areas this past summer. This summer the Preserve began an allout effort to control black swallowwort in the forest and fields. The bare patches are where a backhoe dug out the densest-growing occurrences. Now it's up to staff and volunteers to dig the roots of the resprouts and outlying plants and collect seedpods before they blow to the next hill. We are looking for volunteers to help us with the important job this year and next year (go to RSPPvolunteers.blogspot.com for more information). It will be an on-going job requiring constant vigilance, but we're hoping to greatly reduce the amount of work each year.



However, efforts to control it just in the Preserve are not enough. It could be in your backyard or in town parks so this needs to be a community-wide initiative. Please be on the lookout for it. Black Swallowwort grows as a vine, which can twine around nearby plants and reach six feet high. It has opposite dark green leaves that are two to five inches long and oval-shaped with pointed tips, and smooth, shiny surfaces. The flowers in July and August are small

and dark purple. Mature flowers develop into smooth, slender tapering seed pods 2-4" long. They are initially light green, but when ripe in late August and September they turn brown and open to disperse seeds attached to silky filaments, which blow in the wind like other milkweeds. The root clusters should be dug up, bagged and disposed with the garbage and seed pods should be collected and bagged while they are still green.



Fall in Love with the Preserve...

Autumn is a great time to enjoy the beautiful foliage and breathe in the crisp air on the carriage trails!

Gallery Schedule at a Glance



"Nature's Divine Impressions"

Work by Huang Yue Curated by Audrey Leeds Graphic Design by Laurence Gill

Exhibition: October 25 – November 30, 2014 Gallery Hours: 9:30 am – 4:30 pm daily

Bird and flower paintings are Mr. Yue's symbolic reflection of mankind's spirit and ideology that unify East and West, not only in concept, but use of mediums such as Chinese water inks and rich colorful oils.









Sleigh Exhibit

Work by Various Artists

Exhibition: December 6, 2014 – January 31, 2015

"RING IN THE HOLIDAYS" is the exhibit at the Preserve celebrating historic 18th Century winter images by Currier & Ives, CC Henderson, Peter Sculthorpe and others, merged with contemporary impressions of

remote landscapes and animal inhabitants exhibited by artists Ivan Pazlamatchev and Doris Shepherd Wiese.

A dimensional tableau engages in an abstraction of a centuryold lifestyle that will inspire visitors to the Rockefeller State Park Preserve, courtesy of Kykuit, the former Rockefeller family mansion that is now a site for the Historic Trust.

This Holiday Exhibit will be held from December 6, 2014 through January 31, 2015 with a special fundraising reception on Saturday, December 6th to raise money for the preserve and the carriage roads.





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The Fifth Annual Rocky's 5K Race was held on Saturday, October 25, 2014. It was a sold out race, as it has been in the past, and there were 311 runners who finished it. They ran under beautiful blue skies. The race director was Stella Medina, who is also the Vice President of the Friends.