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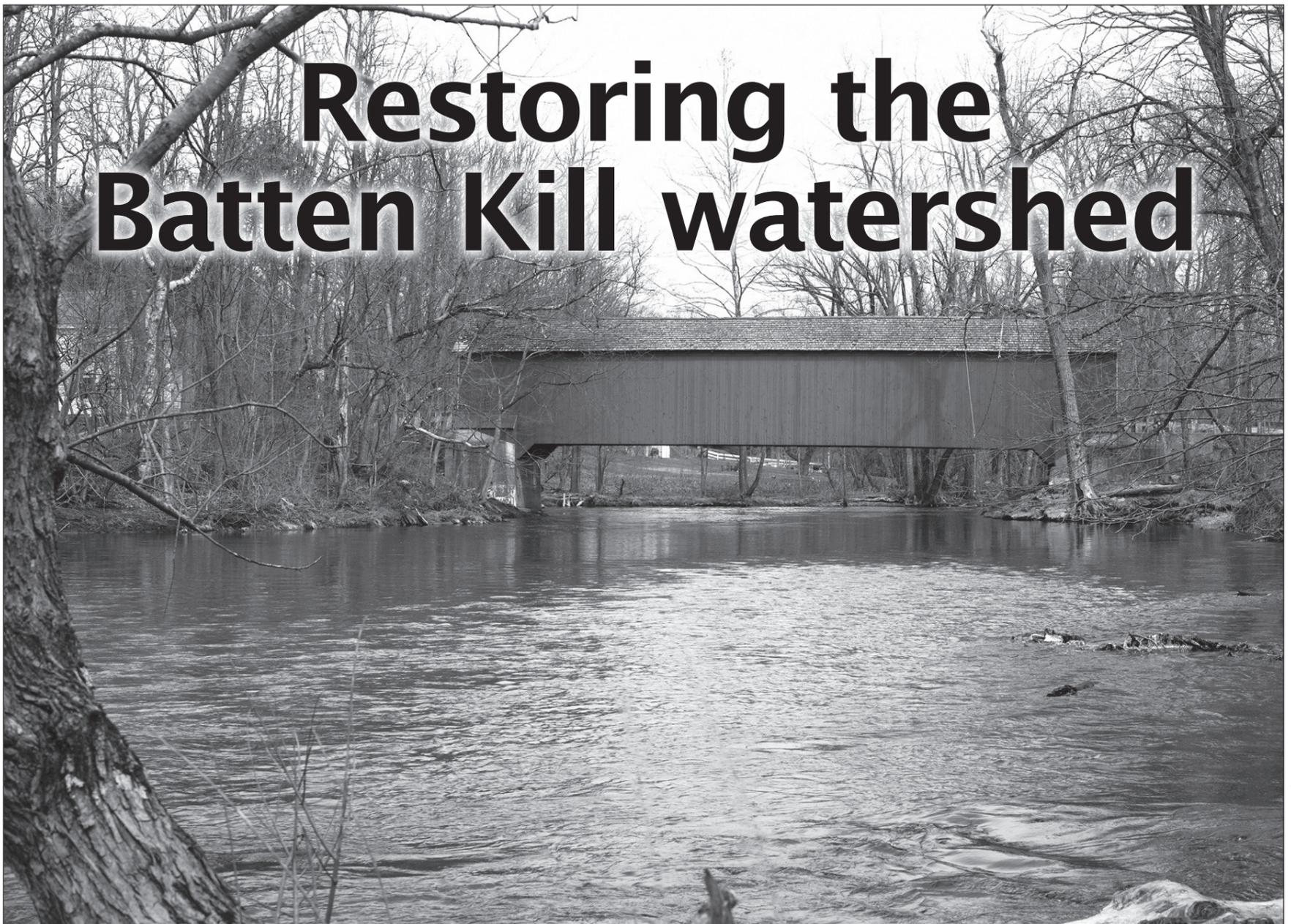
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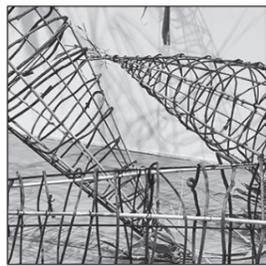
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A new set of political maps crafted by New York's Democratic legislative majority might not mean much change for the upper Hudson Valley's U.S. House delegation. If anything, the new district maps appear to improve the re-election chances of incumbent Reps. Antonio Delgado, D-Rhinebeck, and Elise Stefanik, R-Schuylerville, while the district of Rep. Paul Tonko, D-Amsterdam, turns a slightly lighter shade of blue. But across the state, the maps would yield a significant Democratic advantage, and a state judge has ruled that the new House districts amount to an unfair gerrymander. Page 3



Maps spell big change for state Senate districts

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Restoring the Batten Kill watershed

A multi-year effort by conservation groups and local volunteers is helping to restore and improve the health of the Batten Kill -- and the populations of wild trout for which the river is famed. Page 7

Ceramics, sculpture anchor new shows at Mass MoCA

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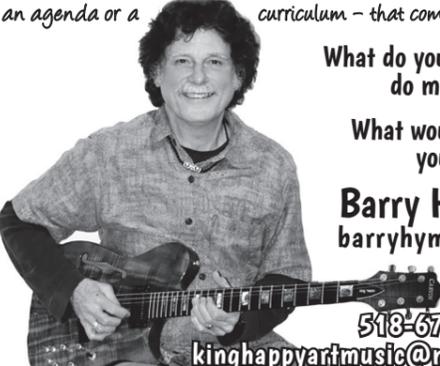
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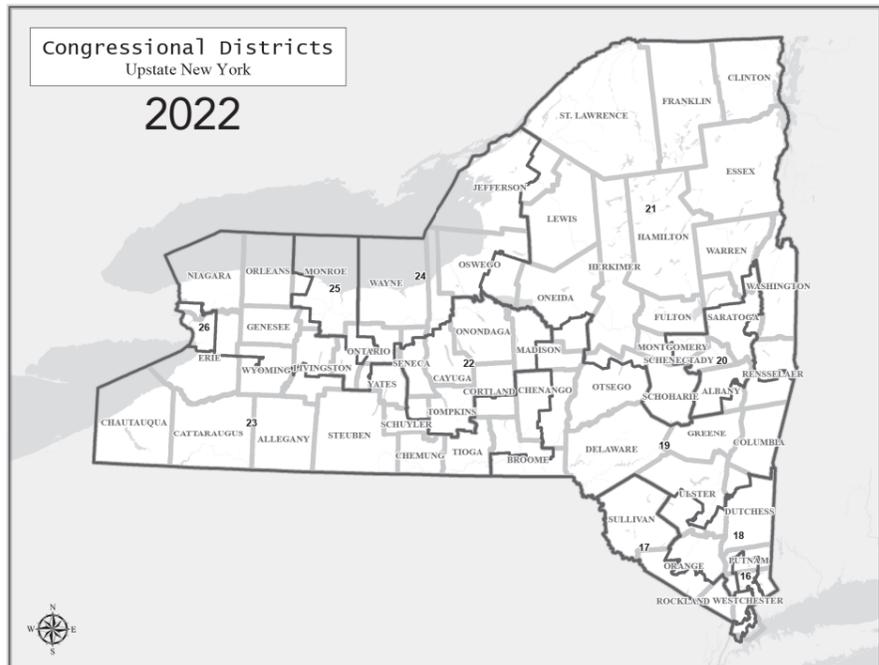
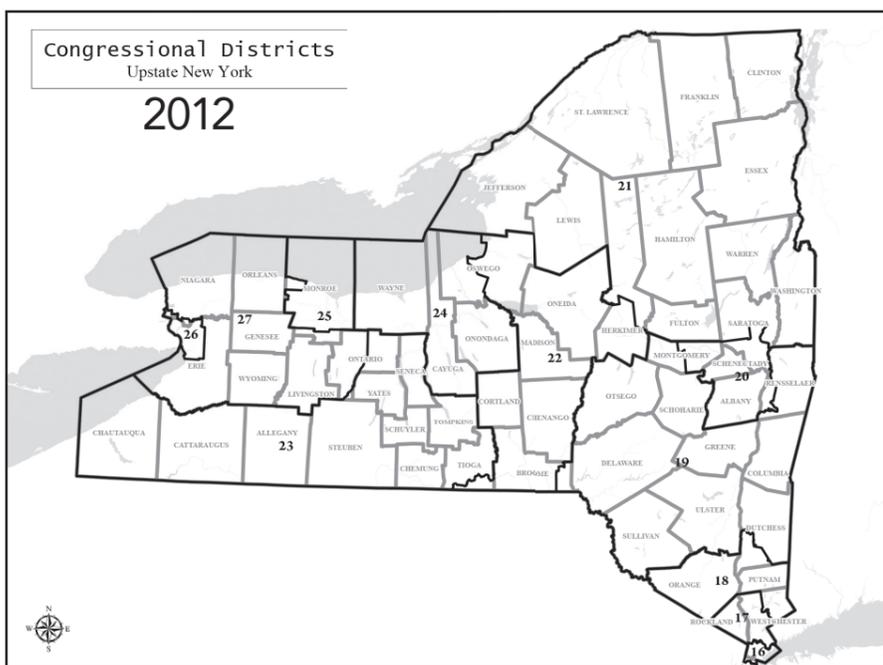
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New York's Democratic-controlled Legislature adopted a new map for upstate congressional districts, right, that shuffles the political terrain of the upper Hudson Valley's three U.S. House members. Analysts predicted the new map would effectively cut the number of Republicans in the state's House delegation to just four, down from eight under the map (left) adopted a decade ago. Then a judge declared the new map unconstitutional, leaving the state's politics in limbo.

A gerrymander for the House?

New York's new maps draw criticism while boosting local incumbents

By MAURY THOMPSON
Contributing writer

The once-a-decade congressional redistricting process in New York has been a bit like a game of musical chairs locally, with places like northern Rensselaer and Saratoga counties and the city of Glens Falls suddenly finding themselves sitting in what had been neighboring House districts.

From a political standpoint, the new congressional map pushed through in early February by the Legislature's Democratic majority might not have yielded any major changes in the region.

If anything, the map appeared to improve the re-election chances of local incumbent Reps. Antonio Delgado, D-Rhinebeck, and Elise Stefanik, R-Schuyler, while the district of Rep. Paul Tonko, D-Amsterdam, was set to turn a slightly lighter shade of blue.

But statewide, most analysts predicted the new map would reduce the number of Republicans in New York's House delegation for the next five elections to come.

Republicans challenged the map in court, and on March 31, a state judge declared the new map unconstitutional. Democratic leaders vowed to appeal the judge's ruling, leaving the state's politics in limbo as April began.

Many nonpartisan observers had joined the state's Republicans in describing the New York's new congressional and legislative district maps as a case of gerrymandering – the manipulation of district lines for unfair partisan advantage.

The online news site Politico said the state's new maps were the result of "the most aggressive

gerrymandering in the country."

FiveThirtyEight, the website of statistical expert Nate Silver, called the maps "egregiously biased."

And the Princeton Gerrymandering Project, which provides nonpartisan statistical analysis to support the elimination of gerrymandering, gave New York's redistricting plan an overall grade of F, the lowest score possible, and said those drawing the maps could "do much better." In individual categories on its report card, the group gave the New York plan a C for political favoritism, an F for competitiveness, and an F for its geographic features.

"The purpose was to take four Republican

House seats out of New York — that's the bottom line," said John Faso, a lawyer who has been advising state Republicans on their court challenge. Faso, a Republican who represented Columbia County in the state Assembly for many years, served one term as the 19th Congressional District representative before losing to Delgado in 2018.

New York is losing one House seat as a result of the 2020 census. Republicans currently hold eight of the state's 27 seats. Under the map passed by the Legislature and signed into law by

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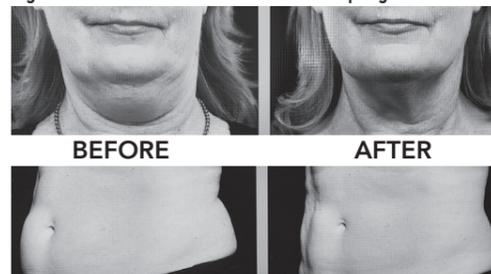

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Gov. Kathy Hochul in February, the GOP was expected to wind up representing just four of the remaining 26 House districts.

Court review pending

In their legal challenge, Republicans argued the plan violates a 2014 amendment to the state constitution, which the GOP claims “prohibits partisan and incumbent-protection gerrymandering.”

Lawyers for the state have argued that the new maps were shaped not by partisan bias but by population trends, the state’s geography and a federal law requiring that racial and language minorities have an opportunity to participate in the electoral process.

The state’s lawyers wrote in a court filing that Republicans’ criticisms of specific new districts “disregard the interconnections between and among districts and regions that naturally constrain the range of available choices.”

The lawyers pointed out that the population in New York City, which is largely Democratic, increased over the past decade, while the population decreased in traditionally Republican areas upstate.

“These population shifts significantly constrain the range of choices available with respect to a new congressional map,” they wrote.

Despite the court challenge, November’s elections had been expected to go forward using the maps already adopted by the Legislature. Candidates are already circulating nominating petitions based on the new district lines.

But then the judge hearing the GOP challenge ruled March 31 that the new maps are unconstitutional. State Supreme Court Justice Patrick McAllister of Steuben County gave the Legislature until April 11 to come up with a new plan that could attract bipartisan support. Failing that, he said the court would appoint its own expert to draw a new set of maps.

Democrats were expected to seek a stay of the judge’s ruling while they pursue an appeal, and the issue could wind up being decided by the state Court of Appeals. If the high court’s judges rule that the Legislature’s plan is constitutional after all, the Democratic-crafted maps might remain in effect.

The legal wrangling could wind up delaying the state’s congressional and legislative primaries, now scheduled for June, until July or August.

Shifting local boundaries

Several analysts have pointed out that, under the maps adopted by the Legislature, districts that previously were competitive were redrawn to give Democrats a voter enrollment advantage, while districts that already had a Democratic advantage retained enough of an edge that incumbent Democrats would be unlikely to lose to a Republican challenger.

In the process, the Democrats who controlled the process redrew district boundaries to shift more Republican voters into districts that were already heavily Republican.

For example, Schoharie County, which has a Republican enrollment advantage, was redrawn from the 19th District, where Delgado is the incumbent, into the revised 21st Congressional District, where Stefanik is the incumbent. Several strongly Republican towns in northern Rensselaer County also were shifted from Delgado’s district into Stefanik’s.

The 19th district was redrawn to include two towns in Albany County and to stretch westward into portions of Broome, Chenango, Madison and Oneida counties, taking in the cities of Binghamton and Utica and thereby adding somewhat to its Democratic tilt.

Rensselaer County previously was mostly in the 19th district, except for the city of Troy and the towns of North Greenbush, East Greenbush and part of Schodack, which were in the Albany-

area 20th district represented by Tonko. Under the Legislature’s map, the county is split three ways, with Troy remaining in Tonko’s district while Delgado’s 19th district gains North Greenbush, East Greenbush and all of Schodack while retaining the towns of Berlin, Nassau, Sand Lake and Stephentown.

Tonko’s 20th district also was extended northward from Saratoga Springs to include the towns of Wilton and Moreau as well as the Warren County communities of Glens Falls and Queensbury, all of which had previously been in Stefanik’s 21st district.

In the 19th district, where Delgado is the incumbent, the Legislature’s map doubled the overall Democratic enrollment advantage from 4.2 to 8.4 percentage points. An analysis by Politico concluded that while President Biden carried the old 19th district by 1.5 percentage points in 2020, he would have won the newly configured district by 10.3 percentage points.

The Princeton Gerrymandering Project estimates that, based on voter enrollment and demographic statistics, a generic Democratic candidate could expect to receive 51.72 percent of the vote in the redrawn 19th district, while an unnamed Republican candidate would garner 48.28 percent of the vote.

FiveThirtyEight changed its rating for the 19th district from leans Republican to leans Democratic.

Republican Marcus Molinaro, the Dutchess County executive, is challenging Delgado’s bid for a third term in November.

Preserving partisan advantage

In the 20th district, where Tonko is the incumbent, the Democratic voter enrollment advantage decreased – from 19 percentage points to 14.2 percentage points – under the map passed by the Legislature. But the revamped dis-

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Maps contain big changes for state Senate districts

By MAURY THOMPSON
Contributing writer

As state Sen. Daphne Jordan campaigns for a third term in office this fall, she might have to introduce herself to lots of new voters.

The Republican senator's hometown of Halfmoon in Saratoga County is one of only a few towns she currently represents that would remain in the newly redrawn 46th Senate District under a plan approved in February by the Democratic-controlled Legislature.

If the plan survives a court challenge, Jordan could face a tough race for re-election, as Democrats would have a significantly larger voter enrollment edge in the new 46th district than in the district that elected Jordan in 2018 and 2020.

Under the Legislature's new maps, several incumbent state senators up and down the Hudson Valley would face major changes to their district boundaries. And many voters across the region would find their hometowns cast into new political terrain.

But Jordan's district would face the most radical changes among any in the region.

Her old district included all of Columbia County, all of Rensselaer County except the city of Troy, the towns of Easton and Cambridge in Washington County, and the cities of Mechan-

ville and Saratoga Springs as well as eight towns from Waterford to Moreau in eastern Saratoga County.

In the new 46th district, she would no longer represent Columbia or Washington counties. In Rensselaer County, the district would include only the city of Troy. In Saratoga County, it would retain Mechanicville and Saratoga Springs as well as the towns of Halfmoon, Waterford, Wilton and Greenfield – and would add the towns of Clifton Park, Ballston, Malta and Milton, which previously were in a separate Senate district. Finally, it would stretch west into Schenectady County, taking in the city of Schenectady and the suburban town of Niskayuna.

Shifting shapes

The state's new legislative district map carved Columbia and Rensselaer counties, which previously were largely intact within Jordan's district, into three separate Senate districts, each with favorable enrollment advantages for Democrats.

But these three newly configured districts also would have among the highest share of independent voters in the state, making them potential toss-ups in the November election – at least from the standpoint of voter enrollment. Two of the three districts would have more independent voters than Republicans.

Senate district maps in Saratoga and Wash-

ington counties would see changes too, while Warren County would remain intact within a North Country district under the once-a-decade redistricting plan that passed the Senate and Assembly along party lines. Gov. Kathy Hochul signed the plan into law in early February, but a state judge ruled it unconstitutional on March 31. State Democratic officials say they'll appeal.

If the new maps survive, the new 46th district, where Jordan is the only incumbent, would be more compact and more urban than her old district.

As of Feb. 21, the new district had about 74,000 active enrolled Democrats, accounting for nearly 37 percent of its registered voters, 55,200 Republicans, or 27.5 percent, and 55,700 independents, or 27.7 percent, with the remaining voters enrolled in minor parties.

In Jordan's current district, Democrats hold a voter enrollment edge of 1 percentage point over Republicans, but the Democratic advantage would increase to nearly 9.5 percentage points in the new 46th district.

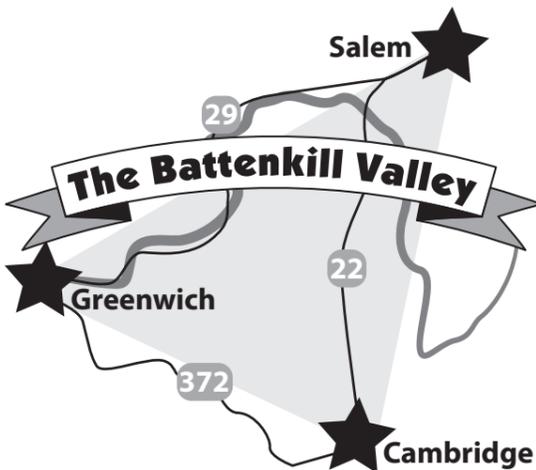
Spanning the Hudson

To the south, freshman Sen. Michele Hinchey, D-Saugerties, was elected in 2020 to represent a district that stretched along the west side of the Hudson River from Ulster to Montgomery counties.

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Hinchey would become the incumbent in the new 48th Senate District, which would cross the Hudson to encompass the Columbia County communities of Kinderhook, Stuyvesant, Stockport, Hudson, Greenport, Germantown, Livingston, Taghkanic and Clermont, as well as three towns in Dutchess County. The district also would include all of Ulster and Greene counties and five towns in western Albany County.

The new 48th district would have about 89,600 Democrats, representing 39.6 percent of its active enrolled voters; 57,100 Republicans, or 25.2 percent; and 62,300 independents, or 28.4

percent. The Democratic enrollment advantage of 14.4 percentage points is the same as in the district Hinchey currently represents.

Mid-Hudson to Hoosick

Sen. Susan Serino, R-Hyde Park, is in her fourth term representing a district that includes all but two towns in Dutchess County as well as three towns in Putnam County.

Under the map enacted by the Legislature, Serino would become the incumbent in the new 43rd Senate District. The district wouldn't include Putnam County but would extend north-

ward from Dutchess County through the length of eastern Columbia and Rensselaer counties. In Columbia County, it would take in the towns of Gallatin, Ancram, Copake, Hillsdale, Claverack, Austerlitz, Ghent, Canaan, Chatham and New Lebanon. In Rensselaer County, it would cover Schaghticoke, Pittstown, Hoosick, Brunswick, Grafton, Petersburg, Poestenkill, Sand Lake, Berlin, Nassau and Stephentown.

The new 43rd district has about 77,800 Democrats, representing 33.8 percent of its active voter enrollment, with 64,100 Republicans, or *continued on page 23*

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Restoring the Batten Kill watershed

Groups band together to protect a river famous for its wild trout

By DON LEHMAN
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SALEM, N.Y.

A man snorkeling in a shallow pool of water in remote Camden Creek is not a regular sight. You are more likely to see a cow in the creek than a human, let alone someone with a camera snorkeling its pools.

But there was Jacob Fetterman, project coordinator for a new effort to restore and improve the Batten Kill watershed, face down in the creek looking for trout one day last July.

His outing was captured on video, and he found what he had hoped to see: numerous small trout in sections of the creek that Fetterman and a team of volunteers had recently worked to improve. The group restored the creek to its historic channel, fixed failing stream banks and added tree root balls for fish to use as cover from predators.

“That was very exciting,” Fetterman said. “It was great to see trout using the habitat we created for them.”

Fetterman, a fisheries biologist, works for Trout Unlimited, a nationwide organization that advocates for coldwater fisheries that are or were home to trout. Trout Unlimited, known as TU to its members, has put millions of dollars into projects around the country to repair problems in and around waterways, most of them caused by humans.

The Batten Kill and its tributaries have been renowned for generations for their brook trout and brown trout fishing. But in the 1990s, anglers noticed that the numbers of trout had dropped precipitously.

The reasons have been debated, but what became clear was that changes to the river from development, removal of wood debris, flooding and other human-related factors had diminished the habitat for trout. With fewer places to hide,



Courtesy photo

A team of volunteers planted trees last October in one of a series of projects aimed at stabilizing stream banks along the Batten Kill and its tributaries in eastern New York and Vermont.

fish were more susceptible to predation. Changed river channels caused the water to get warmer in the summer, affecting the fishes’ ability to survive the heat.

Repairing a watershed

In the early 2000s, Trout Unlimited’s local chapters in eastern New York and southwestern Vermont began work with the Battenkill Watershed Alliance, a number of other volunteer groups and state and federal fisheries agencies to try to address the root causes of the watershed’s problems.

More than 50 projects in New York and Vermont resulted. Natural wooden structures and rocks were added in places, and the river channel was narrowed in areas to improve aeration and flow, slow erosion and keep water temperatures cooler, as preferred by the coldwater-loving trout.

This also improved habitat for native aquatic insects, turtles, crayfish and many other wildlife species.

These efforts to restore the river and rebuild aquatic habitat in Vermont and New York resulted in noticeable increases in trout populations in some parts of the Batten Kill.

On one section of river in western Vermont, an examination before a round of habitat work in 2017 found just three adult fish and a few younger trout. When surveyors returned months after the work, the new habitat areas held 76 adult trout and 60 young fish.

While these improvements were heartening, the local Trout Unlimited volunteers believed more work was needed. So they petitioned TU’s national organization to begin a yearslong “Home Rivers Initiative” project in the watershed, overseen on site by a coordinator from the

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national group. Enter Fetterman.

Funds needed to be raised for the project before Trout Unlimited would OK it. The national organization gave the go-ahead in late 2019 after local supporters raised \$160,000 from private and public sources and in-kind contributions.

Despite the arrival of the Covid-19 pandemic, work around the watershed began after a streamwide assessment in the spring of 2020. Now, with nearly two years of projects under their belt, local advocates say they're pleased with the results.

"We are very happy with the work that has been done so far," said Cynthia Browning, executive director of the Battenkill Watershed Alliance. "They are taking a landscape approach, and the work they are doing is designed to be sustainable."

Signs of success

Camden Creek originates in the hills of western Vermont and has historically been one of the Batten Kill's most important tributaries as a consistent feeder of clean, cold water. On the July day that Fetterman snorkeled, the water was a crisp 56 degrees. But over the years, erosion had widened the creek and erased areas of good trout habitat.

Starting in the summer of 2020, the TU team restored a half-mile of the creek, securing wood in the stream to firm up the banks and return the stream channel to its natural state. Fallen trees and tree root balls were added to provide hiding places for trout, mimicking the natural conditions of a healthy trout stream.

The first reach of Camden Creek, surveyed

last July 1, was one that had been electrofished (a process in which trout are temporarily shocked so they can be counted) by New York state Department of Environmental Conservation personnel in 2020.

In the 2020 count, the DEC found 392 trout per acre (216 adults; 177 young-of-the-year). A 2021 survey showed 499 trout per acre (132 adults; 367 young-of-the-year) were found, a marked increase.

Similar increased trout numbers were seen in other sections of the half-mile of Camden Creek that received attention.

"It's amazing how quickly we see results," Browning said. "I've gone to these sites the day after the work is done and have seen trout already using the structures that were put in place."

John Braico, a TU member and former pediatrician from Glens Falls who has been integrally involved as a volunteer in the Batten Kill work and other TU projects, said participants hope the improvements will result in additional parts of the stream being opened for public access through New York's "public fishing rights" program, which works with landowners to allow anglers on their property. (The main stem of the Batten Kill and a number of its tributaries have extensive public fishing rights already.)

Projects completed

Camden Creek has been a priority of the Home Rivers Initiative project, but the work there is just part of what has resulted from the project's first two years. So far, the Fetterman-led organization has:

- Performed a watershed-wide assessment to

Festival highlights watershed projects

Guided tours of habitat restoration projects along the Batten Kill will be offered as part of the inaugural Battenkill Fly Fishing Festival, scheduled for Friday-Sunday, April 29-May 1, at the Arlington Common, a community and performing arts hub in Arlington, Vt.

The three-day event will include interactive displays showcasing the river's wild trout as well as fly-fishing workshops and seminars, an art exhibit and a film festival showcasing nine films that focus on the culture and passion of fly fishing. Visit www.vtflyfest.com for more information and tickets.

In addition, local Trout Unlimited chapters and the organization's Home Rivers Initiative will be planting trees along the river on Saturday, April 23. Volunteers who wish to participate should email battenkillhri@tu.org for more information.

identify priority projects.

- Planted native trees along the stream bank in numerous areas. The trees' roots help stabilize stream banks and their canopy provides shade. A thick canopy can cool water temperatures 14 degrees in the summer.

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• Completed a stream restoration for native and wild trout on Juniper Swamp Brook in Salem.

• Repaired eroded banks on the Batten Kill just upstream of the confluence with Black Creek in East Greenwich.

• Begun work to restore more than 1 mile of a tributary to White Creek in Rupert, Vt. White Creek empties into Black Creek, which is a major tributary to the Batten Kill.

• Reconnected a culvert that carried tributary Coulter Brook to the Batten Kill in the hamlet of Battenville, allowing fish to get from the river to the tributary.

• Removed invasive plants from areas near the Batten Kill in Arlington, Vt.

• Surveyed 18 miles of the Batten Kill looking for trout spawning areas known as “redds,” locating 63 of them.

• Installed 15 sensors to gauge river temperatures in several locations along the Batten Kill in Vermont, to supplement 27 in place on the New York stretch of the river.

These projects not only help fish but also improve the resiliency of the streams, helping them to withstand future flooding. That will result in less sediment, which is troublesome for aquatic life, making its way into the channel.

Nearly all of the structures and repairs accomplished though the initiative have already survived several high-water events since 2020, including flash flooding from severe thunderstorms last July.

“We’ve made some very good progress so far,

and we have a good list of projects ahead of us,” Braico said.

The work ahead

When the Home Rivers Initiative was launched, the goal was to complete at least two years of work, paid through the initial \$160,000 in fund raising. But since then supporters have raised another \$230,000, which will allow at least another two years of work. (The fund-raising effort is ongoing, and anyone wishing to donate can go to <https://gifts.tu.org/battenkill>.)

“Right now, we have funding for another two years,” Fetterman said. “We are in a great spot.”

One of the biggest projects on tap for 2022 focuses on a stretch of the Batten Kill upstream of the covered bridge at Eagleville, where the group plans to narrow a section of river that has widened.

“This will make that section deeper and provide some refuge in warmer months,” Braico explained.

In addition, sections of the Batten Kill that had habitat improvements near Skellie Road in the town of Jackson (in 2021) and near Juniper Swamp Road in Salem (in 2020) will receive new streamside plantings this year.

An additional 0.3 miles of Camden Creek will be restored this year as well, and the project on the unnamed White Creek tributary in Rupert, Vt., will be completed.

Work began last fall on a stretch of the Batten Kill in East Greenwich, just upstream

of the confluence with Black Creek, to restore a section of the channel that had widened because of erosion. That will be completed this spring. Braico said the goal was to finish last September, but heavy rains intervened and halted the group’s progress until now.

“We were able to successfully stabilize an eroding bank using toe-wood, re-establishing a pool on the bend and creating some awesome under-bank structure for trout to grow big,” Fetterman said, describing that project.

In addition, the Home Rivers Initiative team is working to identify culverts that have resulted in sections of tributaries being “disconnected” — meaning fish can’t get through the culvert — and making plans to re-connect them. This effort includes projects at Murray Hollow Brook and Green River.

To keep tabs on the impact of all this work, the team is making plans for a long-term river monitoring effort.

Fetterman said the group’s improvements to the Batten Kill watershed will be a boon to all who live, work and play on and along the river. And the initiative has brought a group of people together with a common goal of bringing the Batten Kill back to what it was.

“One of my favorite parts of the Battenkill Home Rivers Initiative has been seeing communities come together,” Fetterman said. “It gives our work an even greater sense of purpose to know that the work we do to conserve the Batten Kill affects the lives of so many.”

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EDITORIAL

In redistricting ruling, a glimmer of hope

As this issue goes to press on the night of March 31, a state judge has just tossed out New York's new congressional and legislative district maps, casting the state's nascent election year into turmoil.

Justice Patrick McAllister ruled that the new maps, passed by the Legislature's Democratic majority in early February and signed into law by Gov. Kathy Hochul, amount to partisan gerrymandering that violates the state constitution.

The judge, ruling in a legal challenge brought by state Republican leaders, directed the Legislature to come up with a new set of "bipartisan" maps by April 11. If that effort fails, he warned, the court will appoint its own expert to redraw the state's political districts.

Hochul and other top Democrats have vowed to appeal. In the meantime, with a June primary date looming, candidates are already circulating petitions in the new districts the Legislature drew.

As a pair of stories in this issue details, those new districts would boost the prospects of Democratic candidates across the state as a whole. But locally, they'd also strengthen the grip of some Republican incumbents.

Under the plan adopted by the Legislature, Democratic U.S. Rep. Paul Tonko's heavily Democratic Albany-area district would be extended northward to Glens Falls and Queensbury. It would remain safely Democratic but a bit less so.

Meanwhile, Democratic Rep. Antonio Delgado's toss-up district would become more reliably Democratic by extending it westward to encompass Binghamton and Utica – and by moving some of its most heavily Republican turf into the district of Republican Rep. Elise Stefanik. And Stefanik's district, already strongly Republican, would become overwhelmingly so.

The same map-making tactics have been perfected by Republicans in states like Texas where the GOP controls all the levers of power: Where possible, dilute the power of the opposition party's voters by spreading them among multiple districts. And where that's not possible, pack as many of them as possible into one district.

Whether any of this violates New York's constitution is a matter the state's appellate courts will settle in the weeks ahead. But there's no question it meets the definition of gerrymandering.

There's also no question that it's corrosive to our system of representative democracy, because gerrymandered political maps tend to reduce the number of competitive political districts, leaving entrenched incumbents in both parties. And incumbents in heavily partisan districts are less likely ever to deviate from the ideological orthodoxy of their party, because apart from scandal, the only threat to their re-election is an intraparty primary.

Imagine – we can still dream, can't we? – that Justice McAllister were to appoint an expert who redrew New York's political maps to maximize the number of competitive districts. Lots more elected officials would need to appeal to the moderate voters who decide close elections. These politicians would need to be more pragmatic and more representative of a broad swath of their constituents – the antidote to our era of polarization.

Now consider what happens if an appeals court allows the state's new political maps to remain intact. Delgado's district might still remain somewhat competitive, but virtually every other incumbent House member in New York would be safe for the next decade. And if you're a conservative in Tonko's district or a liberal in Stefanik's, you'd still be free to howl at the moon, but your elected representative would care less than ever.



Letters to the editor

Overtime pay rules in N.Y. will hasten farming's decline

To the editor:

I would like to live in the alternate world that the "social justice" advocates do, as evidenced in the "Wages of Change" article [February-March cover story] regarding overtime pay for farm labor.

In their world, it is all so simple, and they feel so good, knowing they are doing the right thing, correcting those awful, oppressive, exploitative farmers. I would bet these "social justice" advocates are either callow youth or people who have never worked running a business in general, and a farm in particular.

The situation is extremely complex, and in the end the major result of this legislation will be the loss of more farm jobs, and more farms, from New York state. Who will benefit? Not the farmers, who operate on razor-thin or deficit-spending margins. Not the laborers, who come to this state wanting to get all the hours they can and will now be limited 40 hours a week. Not the residents of New York, who will lose the spending of farmers, the taxes paid by laborers, and the locally produced food.

The only beneficiary will be the "social justice" people, who can continue to bask in the rays of self-induced and self-appreciated glory.

Here is a fact for them: In New York, in 1901, percentage of average household income that was spent on food was 43.7 percent. Astounding, no? Today that percentage is just over 10 percent. Who has paid for that difference? Obviously not the consumer.

What Americans want is cheap food, the cheaper the better. The person who has paid, and paid dearly, is the American farmer, many of whom live at or near poverty level and often rely on off-farm income to support or subsidize cheap food for this country.

These social justice activists are just another

nail in the coffin of the American farmer. You can't spend what you do not have. You can legislate requiring farmers to do so, but the results will be predictable.

James Van Dijk
Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

Book's scarcity locally smacks of censorship

To the editor:

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Not enough information to make a guess? More clues: Many local area libraries refuse to carry it even though there have routinely been at least 30 patrons on the Mid-Hudson Library System queue alone waiting for a copy. *The New York Times* and *The Washington Post* refuse to review it.

Many local bookstores will not sell it, and a few won't even take special orders for customers. When you ask for the book from these people, you'll receive evasive and sometimes downright dismissive answers.

Answers I've heard from the book censors:

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- "We have no room on our shelves."

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Long-serving agent of a Slate Valley lifeline

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The *Granville Sentinel* was rooting for the hometown underdog.

“In the gold watch voting contest of the *Albany Journal* for the most popular railroad station agent appears the name of J.H. Reynolds of this village, and who has received thirty-nine votes,” the *Sentinel* reported on Aug. 8, 1890. “Mr. Reynolds is not likely to win the prize, but on the basis of popularity, he is justly entitled to it.”

Reynolds’ railroad employment dated back to 1852, when the Rutland and Washington Railroad hired him as its station agent at Middle Granville. A few months later he was transferred to the Granville station, where his career continued for more than 45 years.

He stayed on when the Delaware & Hudson Railroad took over the line through Granville, which extended from Rutland southwest along the border of New York and Vermont to a junction with the Boston & Maine Railroad at Eagle Bridge, N.Y.

Reynolds owned a home in Granville and, for many years, a vacation cottage at Lake St. Catherine known as the Idylwild, which he sold in 1898.

The *Sentinel* reported on Nov. 30, 1890 that Reynolds was among 30 Granville residents who were set to have telephones installed at their homes.

On April 22, 1896, *The Greenwich Journal* republished a *Troy Record* report describing

Reynolds as “probably the oldest agent in point of service” in the United States.

And on Oct. 20, 1899, the *Sentinel* republished a *Poultney Journal* report that Reynolds was one of just two former Rutland and Washington employees still working on the line after the recent death of a third.

The Rutland and Washington helped to provide an essential rail link from Canada through Vermont to the Albany area and points south and west. Its construction in the early 1850s allowed for year-round cargo transportation through the region as an alternative to the state’s canal system, which was shut down during the winter months.

Although the rail line operated throughout the winter, the trains sometimes were delayed by snow.

“The train which left here yesterday morning on the Rutland and Washington Railroad was all day in reaching Granville,” the *Sentinel* reported on Jan. 19, 1865. “The detention was caused by the snow and the train getting off the track. No train came in during the day on that track.”

A natural phenomenon that delayed trains on the local line made news in the *Daily Gate City* of Keokuk, Iowa, on Sept. 14, 1860.

“The Springfield (Mass.) Republican says that trains over the Rutland and Washington Railroad are considerably impeded in their passage by the myriads of grasshoppers that lodge on the railroad track and are crushed

beneath the giant wheels of the engine,” the Iowa newspaper reported. “The track is rendered as slippery and greasy by the crushed mass that is almost impossible for any headway to be made on the upgrades.”

Connecting to the world

Merritt Clark, a businessman who served a number of terms in the Vermont state legislature, and Thomas Canfield, who later was involved with the Northern Pacific Railroad, chartered the Rutland and Washington in 1847, and organized it in 1848-49, *The New York Daily Tribune* reported on Dec. 26, 1850.

The railroad would pass through an area with about 30,000 residents and robust marble, slate and agricultural industries.

“At Rutland, the railroad reaches the richest marble quarries in the Union,” the *Daily Tribune* wrote. “They are unequalled in all their varieties, except statuary marble from Italy.”

Directors of the Rutland and Burlington Railroad, a separate Vermont line, expressed hope at the company’s 1848 annual meeting of connecting to the proposed Rutland and Washington Railroad, “a road recently chartered, and one, it is confidently believed, soon to be built,” *The Galaxy* of Middlebury reported on Jan. 25, 1848.

The newspaper predicted the new railroad would open up trade by linking the region to “the waters of Lake Champlain, at the head of navigation, the markets of the Hudson River, and the immense trade and travel of the great

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Maury Thompson

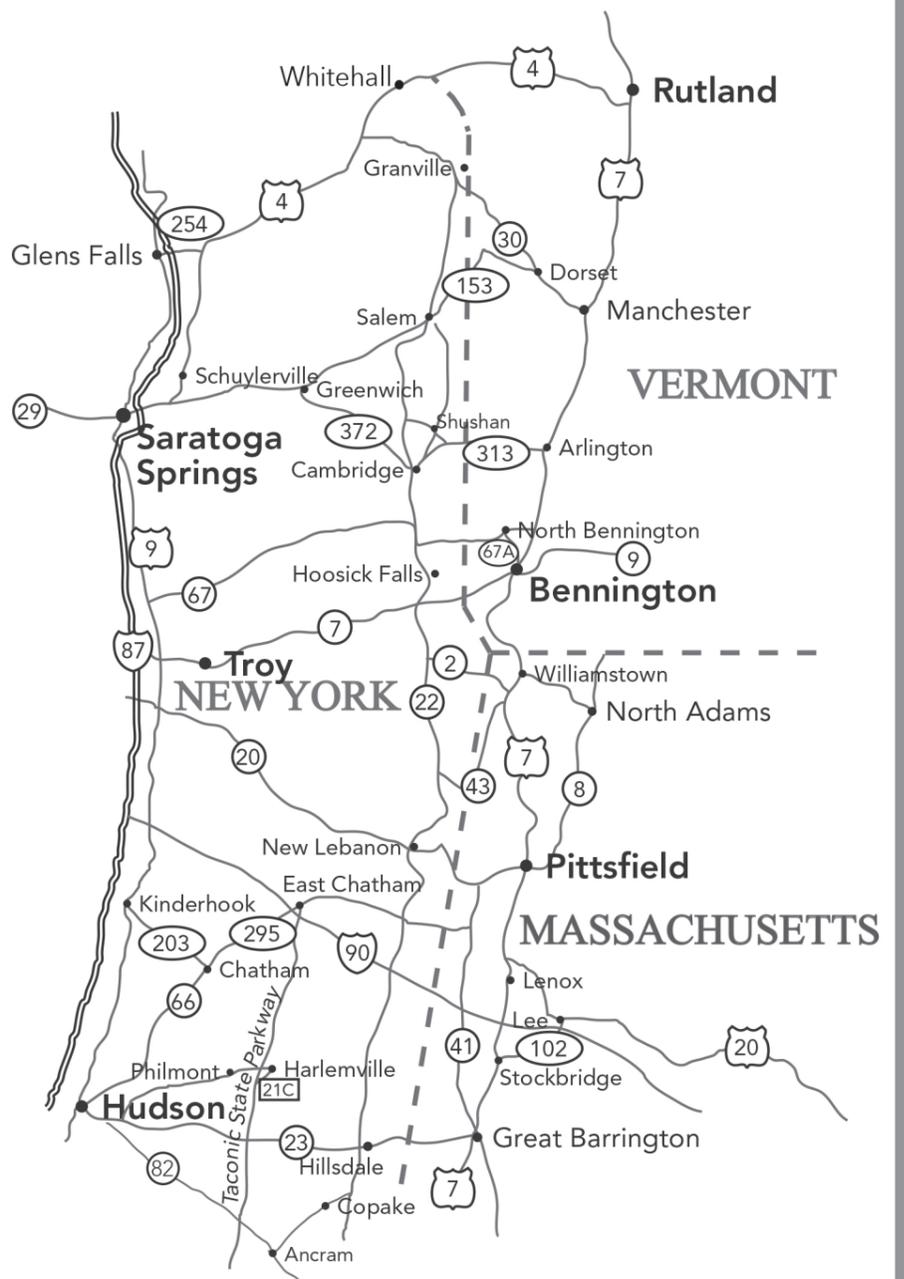
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West.”

The Dec. 26, 1850, Daily Tribune article reported that 11 miles of track, from Rutland to Castleton, had been constructed and was operating, and that the remaining track was under contract to be constructed the next year. Other sources state that the full line began operating in 1852.

After the Panic of 1857, the railroad baron Jay Gould bought out most of the bonds and took control of the Rutland and Washington Railroad. Eventually the line became the Washington Branch of the Delaware & Hudson Railroad, and continued as such through much of the 20th century.

The D&H abandoned the line from Castleton, Vt., south to Salem, N.Y., in the early 1980s, and much of that portion has since been turned into a recreational trail.

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• “It’s my store, and I’ll sell what I want.”

Need more info? Last clue: The author is Robert F. Kennedy Jr., who was the featured speaker at the 2007 Annual Conference of the American Library Association. Then, he was being honored for his work as chief counsel for Riverkeepers, an organization largely responsible for restoring environmental integrity to our region. He also led Pace University’s environmental litigation program. Time Magazine called him one of their “Heroes of the Planet.”

However, when he targeted corruption in the pharmaceutical industry and government agencies like the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Food and Drug Administration and the National Institutes of Health, he himself became a target, all the more so when he started challenging the dubious science behind Covid-related lockdowns and compulsory vaccines.

His book is “The Real Anthony Fauci.” Ask

your local librarian, booksellers, and media outlets why they’ve chosen to be part of the program to censor it.

Kudos to New York librarians in Hillsdale, Claverack and Kinderhook who have chosen to serve their patrons and not join in this modern-day version of book burning.

Ken McCarthy
Tivoli, N.Y.

White supremacy lives on in ways subtle and not

To the editor:

Have you ever met a white supremacist who was supreme? I have not.

Donald Trump is a white supremacist, and other white supremacists love him. Remember, he was the one who was supposed to make America great again. That’s code for bringing back the good old days when whites completely brutalized people of color.

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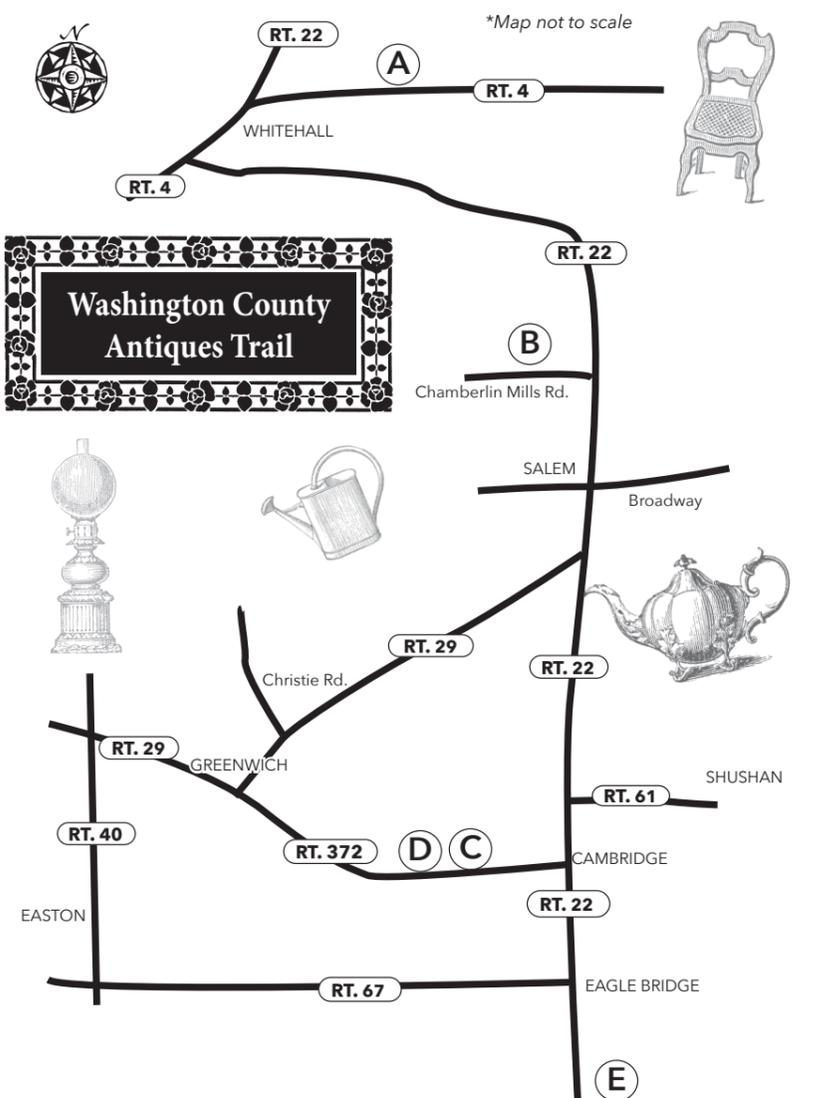
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In recent decades, white supremacists have learned to be a little more subtle in their brutality. There are not many lynchings, but we still have the George Floyds and the Ahmaud Arberys. Donald Trump allowed white supremacists to come out of their dark closets.

Whites have privilege, and we don't even realize it. People of color face unequal justice, housing segregation, inequitable employment opportunities, wage disparities, voter restrictions and suppression, poorer health care and education, and more dangerous neighborhoods. Some are subtle, some not so much. Our eyes are closed to most of these.

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Donations are best way to support Ukrainians

To the editor:
Russia's brutal and deliberate bombing of civilian targets in Ukraine has created a refugee crisis of staggering proportions. More than 3 million people have left the country already,

and millions more will try to leave in the coming months.

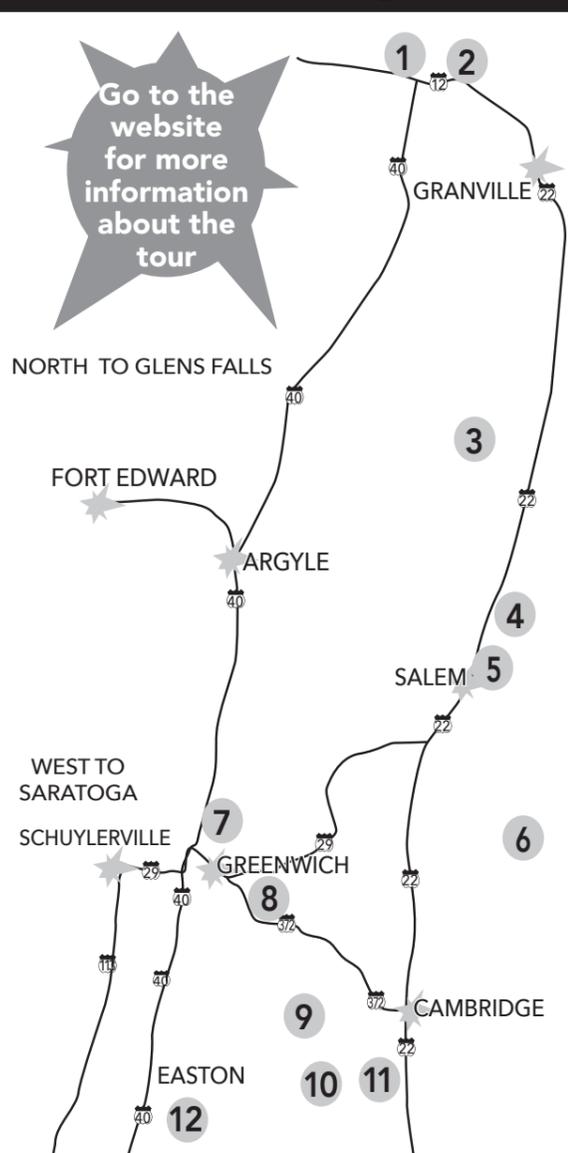
They are pouring into Poland, Hungary, Romania, Slovakia and Moldova, and those governments are scrambling to provide for them. Moldova, for example, was already the poorest country in Europe before the refugees arrived.

There is much talk of the U.S. government sending missiles, planes and other weapons to help the Ukrainians fight. But the most important thing the American people can do is to help get food, water, shelter and other humanitarian resources to the refugees. This

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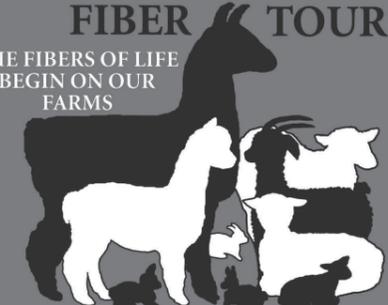
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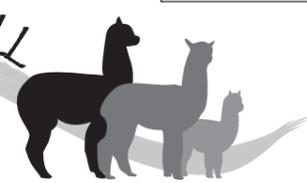
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Culture and history, distilled into objects

Ceramics, sculpture anchor new shows at Mass MoCA

By **KATE ABBOTT**
Contributing writer

NORTH ADAMS, Mass.

Last summer in southern California, a group of friends made clay bowls in their backyard.

They shaped and smoothed clay into cups small enough to hold one-handed and set them out to dry, and two days later they hardened them in a wood fire in the yard and sat around it. The clay took on a patina from the smoke.

The clay came from the Berkshires, from Sheffield Pottery. And now one of the cups is here, in a room with worn brick walls and afternoon sunlight at Mass MoCA. It's a mezcal cup, says sculptor and installation artist Armando Guadalupe Cortes. It's made for a liquor people have distilled from agave for hundreds of years in Mexico, near the town where he was born.

In the Berkshires on the same summer nights, friends were sitting around a hand-thrown earthenware fire pit. They were together outside in a pandemic summer, in a break in the rain, looking for warmth in a brazier the size of a soup kettle. And now it's here too.

Lily Cox-Richard made these ceramic fire pits and gave them out to people in the community. She asked people to use them, gather around them, and then she brought them together again in "Weep Holes," one of three new shows that opened at Mass MoCA in March, curated by Denise Markonish.

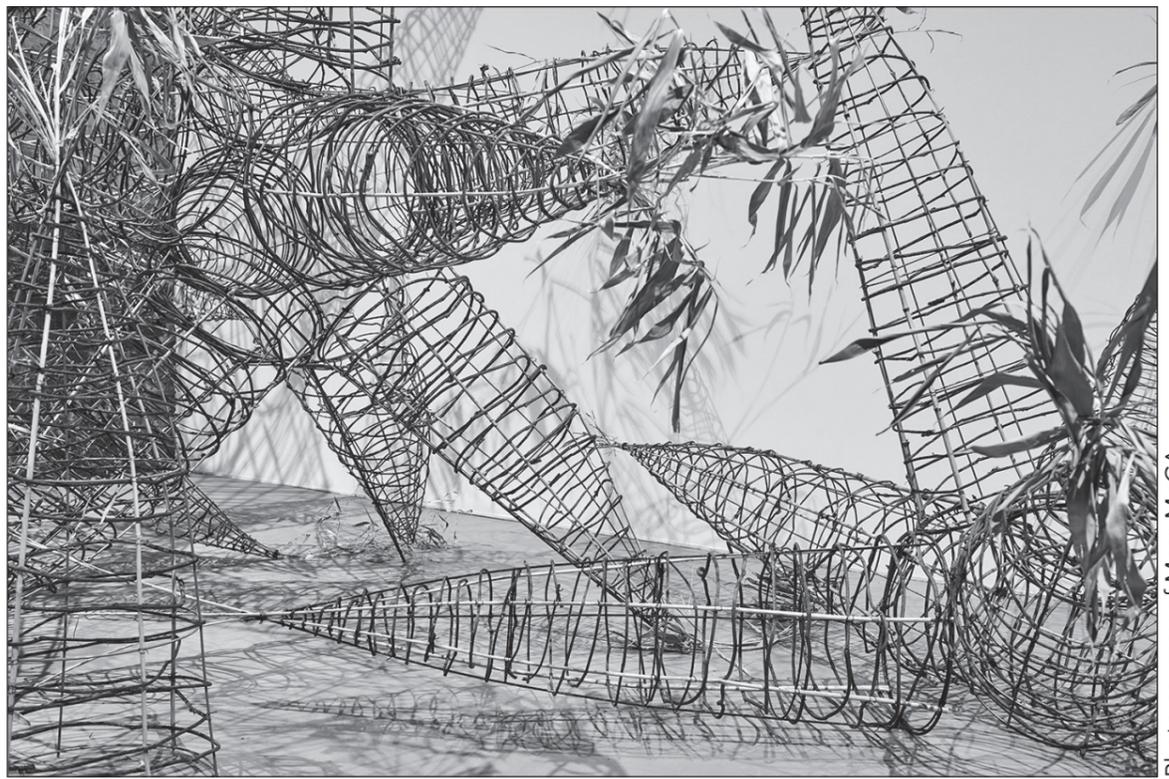


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Tomato frames bound together with kudzu vines form one portion of Lily Cox-Richard's new installation, "Weep Holes," at the Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art in North Adams. The museum also has a new group show, "Ceramics in the Expanded Field," with works by eight artists.

In her work, like Cortes, Cox-Richard is weaving together questions of care and responsibility for the land, for community, culture and people.

"How do we get to the future," Markonish asks in the exhibition, "and do so while taking care of one another — how do we mend the damage that is already done?"

Clay, fire and human traditions

Cortes' cobalt blue mezcal cup sits in a niche on an adobe pillar. He has made an adobe arcade in a framework of cedar, and its ledges hold flints, fire opals, seed pods of

datura, brilliant red seeds of Texas mountain laurel — a wide array, many with roots in Urequio, Mexico, the small farming town where he was born.

He lives and works in southern California, and he often returns home to see his family.

In his installation, "Castillos," he brings tangible ties to the people and the land in a group show of new works by eight artists, "Ceramics in the Expanded Field," curated by Susan Cross.

Cortes draws together art and crafts traditions going back hundreds of years — traditions that are contemporary and evolving.



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Work by ceramic artists near Urequio sits here near his own.

“Whenever it’s made, it’s original,” he said. “They’re the same hands, over distance, over time, and it’s the same clay.”

A disc with a pitted surface gleams like lava veined in gold. He made it a few years ago, while he was working as an exhibition manager at UCLA and had the use of the university’s ceramics lab.

Discs echo through the show, he said, invoking the place markers or stelae found at many Mesoamerican archaeological sites, each one a monument to a specific place or township, a city or a ruler.

Nearby a similar form has repeated in his work over the years. A circle of alabaster shows the even ridges of a grinding stone. Five years ago, he said, he was visiting home with his father, and a cousin showed him old lamps, ploughs, farming equipment, things his family has used — a fragment of the door from their great-grandparents’ house, where his grandfather was born.

She showed him a grinding stone made from basalt, with straight lines chiseled in the illusion of a spiral.

He was taken with how beautiful it was, he said. It came from an old mill in town. They have a new mill now with a steel grinder for processing corn. He doesn’t think anyone there still grinds corn by hand in a metate, a stone for preparing corn by hand.

And he thought: That old millstone made food possible for the whole town, 600 people. He felt not just the weight of it but its purpose and service.

That sense of work and strength and care echoes, alongside “Castillos,” in a short film Cortes made in 2017, “El Descanso en la Gloria.” The name translates to “rest when you’re dead.” He had said that half-jokingly to his mother, when he was working full time and keeping up his studio practice on top of it, into the small hours. His mother told him he sounded like an old woman of the village whose name was Enequeta.

The story goes back to a time when Urequio was building a church. The town has many springs, he said, but back then it had no

indoor running water. Enequeta would carry water in clay vessels uphill from the river to the work crews. She was a tough elder lady, he said, and she would keep on as long as the builders were working.

“It became a joke between my mother and me about being devoted,” he said.

Enequeta was as committed to the church as he is to making his work and putting it out into the world — and more than that. In all of these seeds and cups, whistles and stones, he is recognizing loss and looking toward a different kind of future.

In “Castillos,” he is keeping stories and histories alive and waiting. A clay whistle or an amulet hold the stories of people who live in Urequio and the towns around it, their art and crafts, cultures and languages, knowledge of plants and animals — and what they have lost in centuries of colonial imposition. Their tools are gathered here.

“They are not on display,” he said, “but in wait.”

They are ready for use, the way his family will keep something conveniently where they last used it, sheers near the fruit trees in the back yard, a rake leaning on one tree and a fruit-picker against another, safe until someone comes to pick them up again.

Recycling into sculpture

In her new installation, Cox-Richard has balanced care for the natural world and care for the people in it. Ceramic fire pots slope against the brick wall, imprinted with patterns of leaves.

In her work, Markonish finds an “immediate shared curiosity for the world.”

“I wanted people who would connect to one another and support each other in that weird process that making an exhibition is,” Markonish explained, “and I think ... the volleying back and forth of utter seriousness and utter absurdity.”

She sets Cox-Richard’s “Weep Holes” alongside Marc Swanson’s “Memorial to Ice at the Dead Deer Disco,” as he explores his love of the woods and the nightclubs where he danced and found community as a young man — and the losses flowing from climate change and the AIDS crisis.

Cox-Richard said she creates her work in Tsenacomoco territory, in Richmond, Va., on land that has been inhabited and cared for by the Pamunkey, Monacan, Chickahominy and

many other nations for thousands of years. But she and Markonish first met five years ago, when Cox-Richard was living and working in Texas.

They began talking about this show in early 2017, just after the 2016 election, she said, and they originally planned it to open in 2021 (before Covid delayed it). And Cox-Richard too was looking toward a different future.

“I thought, ‘We’ll have a new president by then,’” she said. “Because it was all feeling very fresh. But it was hard to imagine what that would look like or what would happen between now and then. It seems hilarious to think back on that. We had no idea what we were in for.”

Planning this show across five years, she had to adapt and adapt again, she said, to find the through line of the work. As politics, conflicts, climate change and the pandemic have brought challenges she could never have predicted, some elements of the show have strengthened while others have fallen away, and what felt more relevant felt most right.

“It’s longest lead-time I’ve ever had,” Cox-Richard said, “and it felt like the context of the world was shifting constantly in that moment. I was thinking about value, and how we reckon with value and the value ... of people’s lives. It felt like that context was changing daily.”

Across five years, some elements of the show have taken on new meanings.

“Sandbags have a new resonance,” she said, “after seeing images and monuments of cultural importance in the Ukraine protected by sandbags. I was thinking before more about other kinds of front lines, but also climate change, trying to keep [out] flood water.”

She is finding new uses for materials that have outlived their first use. A fire hose, now too worn to carry that weight of water, weaves around a row of pillars like basket splints.

And she is playing with abundant organic resources. Kudzu vines bind wooden tomato frames together into tall, slender stars.

“What has stayed has continued to feel important,” Cox-Richard said, “stewardship, cleaning up the mess on the other side of something ... and ways to create or maintain connection with people when there’s a need for isolation that neither of us had imagined in the beginning of this.”

She named the show “Weep Holes” for the architectural openings that let water travel freely through a building or a wall. It felt like a beautiful analogy for the way that energy





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moves through the world, she said, creating resistance and giving freedom.

Fire hydrant as altar

One element in Cox-Richard's show has become a community gathering point on its own. Around the corner from what looks like the farthest room, at the top of a fire exit, a fire hydrant from North Adams, given by the city, stands decked in beads and yellow roses, with a wreath of bright yellow chrysanthemums at its feet, like a family offering to loved ones for *dia de los muertos*.

"In the final days of install," Cox-Richard said, "it became a kind of altar for me in making the final parts of the show, and a place of ritual. And then it has accumulated several offerings since I left. ... A cigarette appeared next to it, and some new stones, ... so I know other people have made offerings there."

She thinks of it as a witness, she said. The story goes back to Richmond in the summer of uprisings. She saw a wig on a fire hydrant and thought it was funny and stopped to take a photograph. Police accused her of tampering with a fire hydrant, and the tense exchange that followed has stayed with her.

"It was a moment where I differently understood the privilege that I had had in earlier interactions with police officers," she said, "and that relationship, and what was changing — and what I was witnessing, what I saw unfolding in my own body and the people in front of me."

It can be exhausting, she said, to carry other people's hostility, and it can make you feel divided in yourself. She recalled writers like

Audre Lourde making the argument that when someone feels confident, alive and present in her own body, she can have the strength to support people around her and bring them together.

In the years after the 2016 election, being kind could feel like a revolution, Cox-Richard said. She felt such a prevailing pressure toward hostility and division that it could feel like an act of political courage to care for your neighbors, your community or yourself.

She feels a tie between caring for people and community and caring for the land. Re-using material instead of finding it new may take more time and resources, she said, but she thinks it can be healing when people look closely at what they can find around them and work with what they have.

"I think of the kudzu and tomato" frames, she said, "and the ridiculousness of trying to weave kudzu onto a trellis when it's going to do what it wants to do — it can grow up to a foot a day. ... But I was interested in kudzu because it's a very renewable resource."

"There's a woman named Nancy Basket who's an indigenous woman living in South Carolina who's an incredible kudzu weaver and basket weaver, and she has this beautiful relationship with kudzu as a material. And even though it's so maligned as an invasive species, she says, 'Well it's here, and it has medicinal properties and all of these great strengths as a weaving material, as a building material, it has nutritional value, so let's just use it.'"

She grinned at the exuberance of kudzu stars tumbling together as though they have blown or grown together.

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both helps truly desperate people and draws a sharp line between our actions and Putin's.

In a particularly Orwellian twist, the Russians have hired actors to portray Ukrainians and filmed them pretending to receive food and supplies from Russian troops. This looks good on Russian TV back home but helps not a single real Ukrainian. In fact, Russia is literally trying to starve the people of cities like Mariupol to death. Why not? It worked for Stalin in 1933.

Americans are responding to this crisis by donating millions of dollars, but information on where and how to donate is hard to find. Who can do the best and most efficient job helping these millions of displaced people?

Doctors Without Borders is a good place to start. The Ukrainian Red Cross and the United Nations World Food Program are also good. If you want to support freedom of the press in Ukraine, you can donate directly to the Kyiv Independent to keep accurate and up-to-date information flowing.

This war is going to last a long time, and the calls for aid will be unrelenting. The people of this region will not forget who helped them in this time of need. Let's be those people.

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Norman Rockwell Museum • 9 Glendale Rd, Stockbridge, MA • nrm.org • 413-298-4100 • Masks REQ'D indoors
• through Jun. 5: Permanent Collection Highlight Exhibition: Bascope (master printmaker, illustrator, painter & collagist)

NorthCountryArts.org
--The Shirt Factory • Suite 120, 71 Lawrence St., Glens Falls, NY
• through Apr. 23: "From the Studio"
--The 2nd Floor Gallery • City Hall, 42 Ridge St., Glens Falls, NY
• through Apr. 1: Glens Falls Senior Art Students
• Apr. 4-May 13: "Shelly Fairbanks - mixed media"

PamelaSalisburyGallery.com • 362 1/2 Warren St., Hudson, NY
• Apr. 2-May 1: Elena Sisto: "wonder women;" Lisa Hoke: "Bird by Bird;" Eric Wolf: "Works on Paper;" Daniel Wiener: "At Home With Scallywags and Rapsallions;" and Seth Becker: "Meadow"

SchantzGalleries.com • @schantz_galleries • 413-298-3044 • Online or by appointment only

The Sembrich • 4800 Lake Shore Dr., Bolton Landing, NY • 518-605-8965 • thesembrich.org
• Online: "The Hawaiian Nightingale: Studies with Mme. Sembrich, Exploring the Life and Career of Hawaiian Soprano Ululani Robertson"

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 **CaffeLena.org** • Russel the Leaf • 7-9 pm • Live & caffelena.tv • Vax req'd

Chamber Music at Salem Courthouse.org • Violinist Kaori Washiyama & pianist Daniel Shulman perform Bach, Mozart, Chopin, & Schubert • 3 pm

 See Theater Listings

• **Berkshire Comm. Theater**
• **Ghent Playhouse**

CaffeLena.org • Playwright's Jam • 1-3 pm • Vax req'd

 **ImagesCinema.org** • Cyrano • 2 & 5 pm (ends Apr. 7); Wheel of Fortune and Fantasy (Virtually any time, through Apr. 30)

 **FriendsOfClermont.org** • Chancellor Robt. R. Livingston & Battle of Lexington & Concord • 2 pm

misc.

ClarkArt.edu • First Sunday Free • 10 am-5 pm

GildedAge.org • Ghost Tour Ventfort Hall On-Demand Online (through Apr. 20) • \$20 • <https://vhonline-ghosttour.eventbrite.com>

Tang.Skidmore.edu • Tang Guide Tours • 2 pm

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 **CaffeLena.org** • Open Mic Night • 7-10 pm • Vax req'd

FriendsOfChamberMusic.org • Kenari Quartet • 7:30 pm • 518-227-1746

 **ImagesCinema.org** • Cyrano • 4:30 & 7:30 pm

 **Northshire.com @home** • Elizabeth Alexander ("The Trayvon Generation") • 8 pm

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 **CaffeLena.org** • Folk Club Kids • 10:30-11 am • Streaming YouTube

 **ImagesCinema.org** • Cyrano • 4:30 pm; Come Hell or High Water • 7:30 pm

 **CaffeLena.org** • Vax req'd • Andy Gilpin, Exec.Dir. CAPTAIN • 4-5 pm • Storytelling Open Mic • 7-9 pm

Olana.org • "Amelia Edwards & the Birth of Egyptian Archaeology" • 6-7 pm

misc.

High-n-Mighty.org • Veterans' Boots on the Ground • 6-7:30 pm • Reg. rec., drop-ins OK 518-965-3027 • Ghent, NY

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 **ImagesCinema.org** • See Apr. 4

 **CaffeLena.org** • Poetry Reading (Indran Amirthanayagam and Sara Cahill Maron) & Open Mic • 6:30/7 pm • Live & caffelena.tv • Vax req'd

BrooksideMuseum.org • "The Deepest Devotion," w/ Ben Kemp portraying Frederick Grant • 7 pm • Reg. for Zoom

HubbardHall.org • Listen to the Field: Artists & Leaders • Free, Online • 7 pm • Reg. req'd.

misc.

ChapmanMuseum.org • Earth Day Celebration • 5-7 pm • \$2/person • Reg. by 4/5, 5 pm

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 **ClavarackLibrary.org** • Bard College Jazz Vocal Workshop • 3 pm • Res. 518-851-7120

CaffeLena.org • Melissa Ferrick • 7-9 pm • Live & caffelena.tv • Vax proof req'd.

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• **Berkshire Comnty. Theater**
• **Hubbard Hall**

 **ImagesCinema.org** • Everything Everywhere All At Once • 1:10 & 4:35 pm

 **SaratogaJewishCulturalFestival.org** • Zoom panel disc. film: "The Yiddish Cinema" • 7 pm • Reg. REQ'D sjca.sjcf@gmail.com

misc.

Tang.Skidmore.edu • Tang Guide Tours • 2 pm

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 **CaffeLena.org** • Open Mic Night • 7-10 pm • Live • Vax proof req'd.

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BridgeSt.org • "Alternative Canon: A Sacrilegious Romp" • 7:30 pm • Bridge Street Theatre, Catskill

 **ImagesCinema.org** • Everything Everywhere All At Once • 12:40, 4:05 pm; Precious Ivie • 7:30 pm

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 **CaffeLena.org** • Live & Streaming • Vax proof req'd. • Folk Club Kids • 10:30-11 am • YouTube • Jazz: Chuck Lamb Trio feat. Adrian Cunningham • 7-9 pm • caffelena.tv

 **ImagesCinema.org** • See Apr. 8

 **Northshire.com @home** • Virtual Poetry Readings for April • 6 pm • Anna Quindlen ("Write for Your Life") • 7 pm

SandLakeHistory.org • "Sand Lake Show & Tell, Part 2" • 7 pm • 8428 NY 66, Averill Park, NY • 518-527-9926

misc.

SAM24.Synthasite.com • Society of American Magicians Meet by Zoom • 16+ yo interested in hobby of magic • 7:30 pm

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 **CaffeLena** • Benefit feat. Johnny Irion & the Hold On Honeys • 7-9 pm • Live & caffelena.tv • Vax proof req'd.

 **ImagesCinema.org** • See Apr. 8

 **Clarkart.edu** • Sarah Grandin: "Maternal Absence and Pictorial Presence" • 6 pm

Northshire.com @home • Maggie Shipstead ("Great Circle") in convo. w/Kim Van Alkemada • 6 pm

Tang.Skidmore.edu • Winter/Miller Lecturer Juliana Huxtable • Free • 6 pm

ChapmanMuseum.org • Maureen Folk: "From Wilderness to Walkways: the Making of Glens Falls" • Free, Reg. REQ'D • 7 pm

misc.

Parks.ny.gov • Moreau Lake: "Forest Bathing" • 10 am • Reg. REQ'D 24 hrs. adv. @ 518-917-2174

SVAC.org • Paint & Sip, At home w/Anharad Llewelyn • 6-8 pm • Reg. REQ'D

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CaffeLena.org • Rusticator • 7-9 pm • Live & caffele-na.tv • Vax req'd.



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• **Hubbard Hall**



ImagesCinema.org • See Apr. 4



ClarkArt.edu • Sarah Grandin: "A Market for Imitation—Engraving Drawing in Eighteenth-Century France" • 12 pm • Zoom/Facebook Live • Reg. Req'd.

Northshire.com @home • Tamar Haspel (To Boldly Grow: Finding Joy, Adventure, & Dinner in Your Own Backyard") • 6 pm

NAACP Berkshires.org • "Westside Neighborhood: A Case Study of Redlining," by Dr. Frances Jones-Sneed & Kamaar Taliaferro • 6-8 pm • Zoom request at naacpberkshirecounty@gmail.com

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CaffeLena.org • Janis Ian • 7-8:30 pm • Live & caffele-na.tv • Vax proof req'd.

Colonial Theatre • Moondance – The Ultimate Van Morrison Tribute Concert • 7 pm • \$25

SPAC.org • Pianist & AMPLIFY host Lara Downes, celebrating works by under-represented American composers • 7:30 pm • Zankel Music Center, Skidmore



ImagesCinema.org • See Apr. 8



HudsonHall.org • Karen Brooks ("BAM . . . and Then It Hit Me") in convo with Maureen Sager • 6 pm

Hebron Preservation Society • Terry Glasier, eighteenth-century historical reenactor • 6:30 pm • 6559 Rte. 22, Hebron, NY

misc.

Tang.Skidmore.edu • Curator Tour: Dayton Director Ian Berry tour of "Opener 34: Ruby Sky Stiler—New Patterns" • 12 pm

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CaffeLena.org • Danielle Miraglia w/Erin Harpe's Country Blues Duo • 8-10 pm • Live & caffele-na.tv • Vax Req'd.



FoundryWS.com • Gillian Ebersole: "In the Crook of the Elbow," with Shannon Nulf • 7:30 pm



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• **Berkshire Comnty. Theater**
• **Hubbard Hall**

HudsonHall.org • Camphill Hudson Players: "Togetherness" • 7 pm • Free, res. rec'd.



ImagesCinema.org • Everything Everywhere All at Once • 4:05 & 7:30 pm (ends Apr. 21)

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UniversalPreservation-Hall.org • Brad Mehl dau • 7-8:30 pm • Saratoga Springs, NY

CaffeLena.org • Janis Ian • 8-9:30 pm • Live & caffele-na.tv • Vax proof req'd.



ImagesCinema.org • See Apr. 8



Northshire.com @ Manchester • Glenn Fay ("Vermont's Ebenezer Allen") & Daniel Bullen ("Shay's Honorable Rebellion") • 5:30 pm

GildedAge.Org • William Hazelgrove: "The Race to Save the R.M.S. Titanic" • \$20 • 7:30 Zoom • Reg. REQ'D

misc.

MassAudubon.org/pleasantvalleyprograms • Spring Frog & Salamander Search for Families • 6:30-8:30 pm • Pleasant Valley Wildlife Sanctuary, Lenox, MA • Pre-reg. REQ'D., No walk-ins



Northshire.com

• In Manchester: Caren Beilin reads from "Revenge of the Scapegoat" & Makenna Goodman reads from "The Shame"
• In Saratoga Springs: Ben McGrath reads from "Riverman"

misc.

GlensFallsBrewFest.org • Taps & Apps Fundraiser • 6 pm • Seasoned Restaurant, Glens Falls, NY

MassAudubon.org/pleasantvalleyprograms • Frogs, Salamanders & Vernal Pools • 6:30-8:30 pm • Pleasant Valley Wildlife Sanctuary, Lenox, MA • Pre-reg. REQ'D., No walk-ins

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DeweyHall.org • Young at Heart: Music w/ Erika Ludwig • 10 am • Outside

HydeCollection.org • de Blasiis Music Series: Kyra Lombard • 3-5 pm • \$20 adult/\$10 college • 161 Warren St., Glens Falls, NY • Masks & vax proof REQ'D.

CaffeLena.org • Live & caffele-na.tv • Vax proof req'd.
• John Craigie: --Early Show • 5-6:30 pm --w/opener: The Lowest Pair • 8-10 pm

BrattleboroMuseum.org • 18th (Almost) Annual Collegiate A Cappella Benefit Concert • 7:30 pm • Tix at website

TheFoundryWS.com • Josephine Network • 7:30 pm



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• **Berkshire Comnty. Theater**
• **Hubbard Hall**

HudsonHall.org • Camphill Hudson Players: "Togetherness" • 7 pm • Free, res. rec'd.



ImagesCinema.org • See Apr. 8, plus 12:40 pm



WilliamstownHistoricalMuseum.org • "A Conversation About Stories, Told, Revised, & Untold" • 11 am • Milne Public Library

ClarkArt.edu • "(Re)telling Stories in Photography About 'The Black Civil War Soldier'" • 2 pm • Zoom & Facebook Live • Reg. req'd.

ScovilleLibrary.org • Book Club: "Jack" (Marylynne Robinson) • 4-5 pm • Live & Zoom

CCHSNY.org • Zoom Lecture Series: "Part 2, Uniquely American – The Hudson River School," by Gayle Skluzacek • 4:30 pm • Reg. req'd

ArtOmi.org • Writers Residency Reading • 5-7:30 pm • Benenson Visitor Ctr. • Pre-reg. req'd.

misc.

MassAudubon.org/pleasantvalleyprograms • Birding Workshop: Spring Waterfowl • 7:30-11:30 am • Berkshire Lakes, various towns • Pre-reg. REQ'D., No walk-ins

BerkshireBotanical.org • Masks, proof of vax, & Reg. REQ'D
• Ancient Grains: Einkorn in the Kitchen • 9 am-4:30 pm
• Fire Cider Make & Take • 3-5 pm

PawletPublicLibrary.wordpress.com • Seed Lending Library • 11 am-1 pm • 802-325-3123

FriendsOfClermont.org • Macrame Plant Hangers, Why Knot? • Ages 8+ • 1 pm • \$10, ages 13+ * Reg.

United Churches of Shushan • Dessert Auction Live Auction Benefit Bake Sale • 3 pm • United Presbyterian Church, Shushan, NY • 518-677-8154

GlensFallsBrewfest.org • Brewfest Fundraiser for Adirondack Theatre Festival & Feeder Canal Alliance • 4-7 pm • Carol Insuring Arena, Glens Falls, NY

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CaffeLena.org • Janis Ian • 8-9:30 pm • Live & caffele-na.tv • Vax proof req'd.



ImagesCinema.org • See Apr. 8

misc.

HancockShakerVillage.org • Baby Animals Festival (through May 8) • Sched. at site
• VIP Behind the Scenes tours • 10-11 am • Reg. req'd.

BerkshireBotanical.org • Spring Hopping • Ages 4-12 • 10 am-1 pm (timed for age groups, youngest to eldest)

ArtOmi.org • Park & Gallery Introductory Tour • Ages 13+ • 1-2:15 pm • Pre-reg. req'd.

CityOfPittsfield.org • Eggstravaganza Egg Scramble! • Ages 2-11 • 10:30 am-12 pm (timed for age groups, eldest to youngest) • 100 First St.

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 **ImagesCinema.org** • See Apr. 10

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Parks.ny.gov • Moreau Lake • Adv. reg. REQ'D @ 518-917-2174
 • Family Hike • 10 am • Reg. 48 hrs. adv.
 • Paschal Full Moon Hike • 7:30 pm • Reg. 24 hrs. adv.

HancockShakerVillage.org • Easter at the Village • 11am-4pm

Tang.Skidmore.edu • Tang Guide Tours • 2 pm

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 **CaffeLena.org** • Live • Vax proof req'd.
 --Janis Ian Masterclass • 4:30-6:30 pm • \$50
 --Open Mic Night • 7-10 pm



ImagesCinema.org • Everything Everywhere All At Once • 4:05 pm; System Crasher • 7:30 pm

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 **CaffeLena.org** • Rochmon Record Club: Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers • 7-9 pm
 • Live & caffelena.tv • Vax proof req'd.



ImagesCinema.org • See Apr. 8



Northshire.com @home • Bill McKibben ("We Are Better Together") w/Carole Lindstrom • 5:30 pm

BPACVT.org • True Stories of Us: "If You Only Knew" • 7 pm • Masks & vax proof REQ'D • 331 Main St., Bennington, VT

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 **CaffeLena.org** • Blue Grass Jam w/Red Spruce • 7-9 pm • Live & streaming • Vax proof req'd.



ImagesCinema.org • See Apr. 8

ChapmanMuseum.org • "Gulliver's Travels" (1939) • Free • 7 pm • Res. rec'd.



Northshire.com @home • Mary Laura Philpott ("Bomb Shelter") w/Kimberly Williams-Paisley • 8 pm

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 **Chamber Music at SalemCourthouse.org** • Violinist Kaori Washiyama & pianist Daniel Shulman, w/ violinist Andrea Schultz & cellist Michael Finckel, perform Schumann & Schubert • 3 pm

misc.

WashingtonCountyFiberTour.org • 10 am-4 pm • See page 13 or site for farms map

HancockShakerVillage.org • Sheep Shearing Weekend • 11 am-4 pm

Tang.Skidmore.edu • Tang Guide Tours • 2 pm

CaffeLena.org • Livingston Taylor • 4-6 and 7-9 • Live & caffelena.tv • Vax proof req'd.

ClaverackLibrary.org • Armen Donelian Trio • 4 pm • 518-851-7120

 See Theater Listings

• Fort Salem



ImagesCinema.org • The Northman • 1:20 & 4:40 pm



FriendsOfClermont.org • Springtime Poetry Story • 2 pm

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 **CaffeLena.org** • Open Mic Night • 7-10 pm • Live • Vax proof req'd.



ImagesCinema.org • The Northman • 4:10 pm; The Ground Beneath My Feet • 7:30 pm

misc.

Parks.ny.gov • Moreau Lake: "Forest Bathing" • 10 am • Reg. REQ'D 24 hrs. adv. @ 518-917-2174

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 **CaffeLena.org** • Folk Club Kids • 10:30-11 am • Free • Live & Streaming YouTube



ImagesCinema.org • See Apr. 22



BerkshireBotanical.org • Rain Gardens: How Plants that Love Wet Feet Can Solve Home Garden Issues • Online • 5-6:30 pm

Northshire.com @home • Riley Black ("The Last Days of the Dinosaurs: An Asteroid, Extinction, and the Beginning of Our World") • 6 pm

misc.

Rutland Co. Audubon • Spring Bird & Wildflower Walks: Fairgrounds West (3 mi., Easy) • 7:30 am • Meet at 131 Town Farm Rd., Poultney, VT

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 **CaffeLena.org** • Acoustic Blues Open Mic & Jam • 7-9 pm • Vax proof req'd.



ImagesCinema.org • See Apr. 22



Northshire.com @Saratoga Springs • Jennifer McMahon reads from "The Children on the Hill" • 6 pm

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<p>21</p> <p> CaffeLena.org • Bitch • 7-9 pm • Live & caffelena.tv • Vax proof req'd.</p> <p>FriendsOfChamber-Music.org • Alejandro L. Madrid, Ph.D. • 7 pm Zoom • 518-227-1746</p> <p> ImagesCinema.org • See Apr. 8</p>	<p>22</p> <p> DeweyHall.org • Old Time Fiddle Workshop w/Aaron Jonah Lewis • 5:30 pm • Dewey Presents: Aaron Jonah Lewis • 7:30 pm</p> <p>TheStrand.com • Rees Shad & the Conversations • 7:30 pm</p> <p>UniversalPreservation-Hall.org • Journeyman - #1 Tribute to Eric Clapton • 7:30 pm • Saratoga Springs, NY</p> <p>CafeLena.org • Christine Lavin • 8-10 pm • Live & caffelena.tv • Vax proof req'd.</p> <p> See Theater Listings</p> <p>• Fort Salem</p> <p> ImagesCinema.org • THE Northman • 4:10 & 7:30 pm (ends May 5)</p>	<p>23</p> <p> CaffeLena.org --Little Folks Show w/Cowboy Ernie Sites • Live • 3-4 pm --Liz & Pete • 8-10 pm • Live & caffelena.tv • Vax proof req'd.</p> <p>BasilicaHudson.org • Temple of Sound • 11 am-11 pm • Some events free • Sched. & Tickets on website • 110 S. Front St., Hudson, NY</p> <p>DeweyHall.org • Women in Roots: Eloise & Co. & Casey Murray & Molly Tucker • 7 pm</p> <p>Simons-Rock.edu • Violinist Francesca Anderegge • 7:30 pm • Free, Res. rec'd. • McConnell Aud. • Masks & vax REQ'D</p> <p> See Theater Listings</p> <p>• Berkshire Comnty. Theater • Fort Salem</p> <p>BPACVT.org • "We Contain Multiples—A Performing Arts Workshop" • ages 16-20 • 10 am-5 pm • Pre-reg. & reading req'd. • 802-447-0564 • Bennington, VT</p>
<p>28</p> <p> CaffeLena.org • Durham County Poets • 7-9 pm • Live & caffelena.tv • Vax proof req'd.</p> <p> See Theater Listings</p> <p>• Bridge Street Theatre</p> <p> ImagesCinema.org • See Apr. 22</p> <p></p> <p>BerkshireBotanical.org • The Dye Garden: Grown & Gathered • Online • Reg. REQ'D • 6-7:30 pm</p> <p><input type="text" value="misc."/></p> <p>ArtOmi.org • "The Importance of Place" with Chigozie & Joseph O'Neill • 7 pm, Zoom</p>	<p>29</p> <p> CaffeLena.org • Will Evans • 7-9 pm • Live & caffelena.tv • Vax proof req'd.</p> <p> See Theater Listings</p> <p>• Bridge Street Theatre</p> <p> ImagesCinema.org • See Apr. 22</p> <p><input type="text" value="misc."/></p> <p>TheFoundryWS.com • Aimee Van Dyne CD Release Party • 7:30 pm</p> <p>MassAudubon.org/pleasantvalleyprograms • Birding at Canoe Meadows • 7-8:30 am • Canoe Meadows Wildlife Sanctuary, Pittsfield, MA • Pleasant Valley Wildlife Sanctuary, Lenox, MA • Pre-reg. REQ'D., No walk-ins</p> <p>Washington Co Fair-grounds • Antique Fair & Flea Market • Early-bird, 7 am-4 pm • Greenwich, NY</p>	<p>30</p> <p> CEWM.org • Skylark A Cappella Vocalists: Hidden Symbols, Secret Codes • 6-7:45 pm • Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center</p> <p>CaffeLena.org • TEOA • 7-9 pm • Live & caffelena.tv • Vax proof req'd.</p> <p></p> <p>TheFoundryWS.com • Dancers of the Berkshires: A Moment • 7 pm</p> <p> See Theater Listings</p> <p>• Bridge Street Theatre</p> <p> ImagesCinema.org • See Apr. 22</p> <p></p> <p>SpencertownAcademy.org • Dinitia Smith ("The Prince: A Novel") with Ruth Reichl • 2-3 pm • \$10 • Adv. res. REQ'D • 790 NY 203, Spencertown NY</p> <p>HancockShakerVillage.org • The Enduring Legacy of Shaker Design—From Maya Lin to Ikea • 3-4 pm</p> <p>Northshire.com @Manchester • Melodie Winawer reads from "Anticipation" and Erica Ferencik reads from "Girl on Ice" • 5:30 pm</p> <p><input type="text" value="misc."/></p> <p>ArtOmi.org • Ecology Series: Bird Walk w/Alan Devoe Bird Club • 7 am • Free w/ registration</p> <p>Washington Co Fair-grounds • Antique Fair & Flea Market • 8 am-5 pm • Greenwich, NY</p> <p>HubbardHall.org • Garden Book Sale • 9 am-12 pm • Lovejoy Building, Cambridge, NY</p> <p>HancockShakerVillage.org • After the Shearing Weekend • 11 am-4 pm</p> <p>FriendsOfClermont.org • Chancellor's Sheep & Wool Showcase • 11 am-4 pm</p> <p>GlensFallsCollaborative.com • Wing Fest Tasting & Competition • 11:30-3:30 pm • Unveiling of Public Art: "Adirondack Chair" by Anthony Richichi • 1 pm</p>

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Bennington Museum reopens with new exhibitions

BENNINGTON, Vt.

The Bennington Museum reopens to the public on April 1 with several new exhibitions.

The museum's major 2022 exhibit, "Parks & Recreation," will explore the history and artistic depictions of Vermont's state parks and other formally designated natural areas. From state forests to the Green Mountain National Forest and the Appalachian Trail/Long Trail, these preserved and sometimes curated spaces provide year-round outdoor activities and are an integral aspect of the state's identity in the public imagination.

"Parks & Recreation" will trace the history of Vermont's wildscapes from the origins of nature tourism in the region in the mid-19th century through the formal development of a state park system and national forest designation beginning in the 1920s. This exhibition connects past to present through thematically relevant artworks including Sanford Gifford's 1859 painting of hikers and campers atop Mount Mansfield, Milton Avery paintings of Jamaica State Park

(1935-1943), and contemporary pieces by regional artists (the latter a collaboration with the Bryan Memorial Gallery).

Other new exhibits include:

- "Marion Huse: Picturing Pownal" from April 1 through June 22. Marion Huse (1896-1967) was an artist whose work spanned 40 years and a variety of styles and subject matter. A native of Massachusetts, she founded and operated the Springfield Art School from 1925-40. In 1933 Huse established a studio in Pownal and moved there permanently in 1940. This exhibition focuses on the work Huse created in southwestern Vermont during this period.

Huse was acknowledged as one of the pioneers of the serigraph, or silkscreen, as a fine art media.

- The Student Art Show, from April 1 through June 5. The museum welcomes student work back into its galleries after the pandemic closure. This year's show will focus on the work of regional high school students. Visit benningtonmuseum.org for more information.

Art school announces summer youth classes

HILLSDALE, N.Y.

The Art School of Columbia County has announced its Art of Summer Youth Program for children ages 5-12.

Weekly sessions throughout July will run from Mondays through Fridays, from 9 a.m. to noon for ages 5-8 and from 1 to 4 p.m. for ages 9-12.

Classes will be guided by practicing visual artists who are also experienced teachers. Each week's program is unique, with the opportunity for hands-on experiences in drawing, painting, sculpture, printmaking and clay.

Classes will be held outside in a large tent, surrounded by landscapes and scenic vistas, on the grounds of the nonprofit art school.

The cost of a five-day session is \$265 for nonmembers or \$239 with a family membership. The Art School of Columbia County is located at the crossroads of county Route 21C and Harlemlville Road. Visit artschoolofcolumbiacounty.org for a complete description of the program and to enroll.

THEATER LISTINGS

Bennington Community Theater • Bennington Performing Arts Center, 331 Main St., Bennington, VT • bpacvt.org/tickets • 802-447-0564 • Masks & vax proof REQ'D.

- "A Brand New Day! Broadway Songs o Hope" • Dir. D. Mark Blank, Music Dir. Richard Cherry, Choreo. Kristi Segura • Apr. 1-3 • Fri. & Sat., 7:30-9 pm; Sun., 2 pm

Berkshire Theatre Group • Colonial Theatre, 111 South St., Pittsfield, MA •

- "Footloose!" • Feat. youth actors ages 12 through 19 from the Berkshire community • Apr. 8-10 • 7 pm, Fri. & Sat. and 2 pm, Sat. & Sun. • \$25
- "Magic Tree House: Dinosaurs Before Dark KIDS" • Apr. 23 • 2 pm • \$10 • Author Mary Pope Osborne signing books 1-1:45 pm

Bridge Street Theatre • 44 West Bridge St., Catskill, NY • BridgeSt.org • Masks and vax proof REQ'D.

- Round the Bend Theatre presents one-night reading of "Alternative Canon: A Sacrilegious Romp," by Erin Proctor • Reading Directed by Beth Ryan Troxell • Apr. 11 • 7:30 pm
- "Clarkston" by Samuel D. Hunter • Dir. Daniel Elihu Kramer • Apr. 28-May 8 • Thu.-Sat., 7:30 pm; Sun., 2 pm

Fort Salem Theater • 11 E. Broadway, Salem, NY • 518-854-9200 • FortSalem.com

- "Steel Magnolias" • Set in a Louisiana hair salon, this comedy-drama shares the hilarious and heart-wrenching bond of six women in different walks of life
- Apr 22-24, Fri. & Sat., 7:30; Sun., 2 pm • Masks and Proof of Vax req'd.

The Ghent Playhouse • 6 Town Hall Pl., Ghent, NY • GhentPlayhouse.org • Masks & proof of vax REQ'D

- "Fun Home" • Based on Alison Bechdel's best-selling graphic memoir, a groundbreaking play reveals memories of Bechdel's dysfunctional family, as she tries to unlock the mysteries of her father's past, while discovering her own sexuality. Wholly original musical about seeing one's parents through grown-up eyes • Apr. 1-3, 8-10 • Fri. & Sat., 7:30 pm; Sun., 2 pm • \$23 members; \$28 nonmembers; \$12 students

HubbardHall.org • Main St., Cambridge, NY • 518-677-2495

- CCS Drama Club Presents: Cinderella • Apr. 7-10; Thu.-Sat., 7 pm; Sat. & Sun., 2 pm

Exhibitions *continued from page 17*

- On-going: "On the Wings of Song" • The Thatcher Photos (Online)

ShakerMuseum.us | Mount Lebanon • 17

Main St., Chatham, NY • Past exhibits online

- "Fringe Selects: An Exhibition of Shaker Objects Curated by Katie Stout"

Southern Vermont Arts Center • 930 SVAC

Dr., Manchester • 802-362-1405 • www.svac.org

- through May 1: Art from the Schools 2022
- Apr. 2-May 22: Spring 2022 All Member Exhibition, w/Special Guest: Vermont Watercolor Society

SpencertownAcademy.org • 790 NY 203, Spencertown, NY •

- Apr. 23-May 15: "Spring Mix" feat. William Bullard, Tia Maggio, and Gina Occhiogrosso

StoneValleyArts.org Center • 145 E. Main St., Poultney, VT

- Virtual tour of "Painters Choose Painters" at <https://vimeo.com/480725058>
- Online Artist Member Gallery and Gift Shop

Tang.skidmore.edu Museum and Gallery •

518-580-8080 • Vax proof and masks REQ'D

- through May 15: "Opener 34: Ruby Sky Stiler" • Online: <https://tang.skidmore.edu/exhibitions/287-opener-34-ruby-sky-stiler>
- through Jun. 12: "Radical Fiber: Threads Connecting Art and Science"
- through Sep. 10, 2023: Lauren Kelley - "Location Scouting" • Online: <https://tang.skidmore.edu/exhibitions/360-lauren-kelley-location-scouting>

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trict still would lean strongly Democratic: Biden would have carried it by 17.7 percentage points, compared with the 21.1-point edge he rolled up in the old 20th district in 2020, according to the Politico analysis.

The Princeton Gerrymandering Project estimates that statistically, a generic Democratic candidate should receive 53.74 percent of the vote in the redrawn 20th district, while a Republican candidate would earn 46.26 percent. FiveThirtyEight changed its rating for the district from solid Democratic to leans Democratic.

Republican Liz Lemery Joy, a former blogger and speaker from Schenectady, is challenging Tonko as he seeks an eighth term in November.

In the 21st district, where Stefanik is the incumbent, the Republican enrollment advantage increased from 11.5 percentage points to 13.8 percentage points under the Legislature's plan. Donald Trump would have carried the revamped district by 19.4 percentage points, according to the Politico analysis, compared with his 10.6-point margin in the district as it was previously configured.

The Princeton Gerrymandering Project estimates that statistically, a generic Republican candidate would receive 62.85 percent of the vote while a Democratic candidate would draw 37.15 percent in the redrawn 21st district. FiveThirtyEight changed its ranking of the district from leans Republican to solid Republican.

The state Republican Party's lawsuit specifi-

cally cited the Legislature's redrawing of the 19th district as an example of gerrymandering.

In court papers, the GOP claimed the revised district "is significantly drawn for the impermissible purpose of strengthening the Democratic Party's political interests, with the far-reaching corners of Congressional District 19 showing how the Legislature shopped for Democratic voters in order to turn the district from Republican-leaning to a Democratic-advantage district."

Lawyers for the state responded that the old 19th district was one of the three most underpopulated districts in the state, and that geographic changes were made to account for the net loss of one district in New York.

"District 19 represents a similar shape to its predecessor," the state contended.

The Republican lawsuit also cited the 21st district, saying the Legislature reshaped it "to pack it with additional Republican voters."

Lawyers for the state responded, however, that population in the district had to be increased by 71,930 people to meet a federal rule as the state lost one seat overall, so the map makers expanded the district to encompass similar rural areas.

Deadlocked reform effort

The outcome of New York's redistricting is not what public interest groups had hoped for when voters approved a constitutional amendment in 2014 that led to the creation of the state's Independent Redistricting Commission.

A coalition of reform groups had pushed unsuccessfully for the state to create an independent body to draw the state's political maps.

Their goal was to foster a more open and transparent map-making process that would be insulated from partisanship.

Instead, then-Gov. Andrew Cuomo and legislative leaders proposed a commission whose members were appointed by the state's political leaders. That plan, which also gave the Legislature the right to reject the independent commission's proposals, won voter approval in 2014.

The commission, which started work last year based on the results of the 2020 census, ended up submitting separate sets of maps to the Legislature – one drawn by the panel's Democratic members and the other by its Republicans. With the commission unable to agree on a consensus plan, the Legislature took over control of drawing the maps.

In addition to its argument that the maps are the result of gerrymandering, the Republican lawsuit contends the Legislature was not authorized to draw the maps because the Independent Redistricting Commission never formally submitted a second set of maps to the Legislature.

The 2014 law that established the commission requires the Legislature to reject two consecutive commission plans before taking charge of the redistricting process.

Lawyers for the state contend the Legislature's redistricting process followed the law.

Blair Horner, executive director of the New York Public Interest Research Group, has said that before the next redistricting in 10 years, the state should overhaul its process by creating a commission that operates with total independence from the Legislature.

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29 percent, and 63,000 independents, or 28.5 percent. The Democratic edge of 4.8 percentage points over Republicans is less than the 10.8-point Democratic advantage in the district Serino now represents.

North Country seat

Sen. Dan Stec, R-Queensbury, would be the incumbent in the new 47th Senate District, which includes all of Warren, Washington, Essex, Clinton and Hamilton counties as well as the Saratoga

County towns of Hadley, Day, Edinburg, Corinth, Moreau, Northumberland, Saratoga, Stillwater, Providence, Galway and Charlton. The district also takes in five towns in Fulton County.

The new 47th district would have about 58,800 Democratic voters, or 28 percent of its active enrollment, 86,400 Republicans, or 40.4 percent, and 50,600 independents, or 22.7 percent.

The Republican voter enrollment advantage of 12.4 percentage points over Democrats in the new district would be much greater than the 6.8-point GOP edge in the district Stec now represents.



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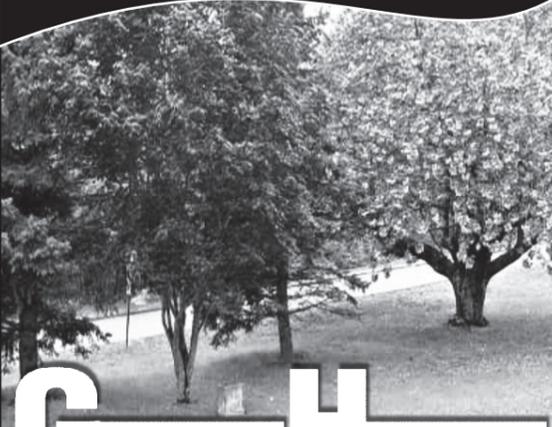
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