

the majesty of the Olympics, and it's fun to cheer local teams. (See article and Village Views in this issue.)

LOCAL HISTORY - THE ARTS

Both the *Cragsmoor Free Library* and *Ellenville Public Library's Terwilliger House Museum* have intriguing collections for the history buff. Cragsmoor was a well-known art colony in the latter 1800s through the early 1900s, and the *Library* has a good collection of information about Hudson River School artists. A recent grant allowed restoration of two quilts made by Helen Turner, an Impressionist painter of that era. Their *Library Festival*, held in August, is a great way to learn more about our local treasures.

The *Terwilliger House Museum* has scads of local artifacts, amongst my personal favorites being the aforementioned Yama Farms memorabilia, and items manufactured at the old *Ellenville Glass Factory*. Their gallery hosts monthly exhibits, past exhibitors ranging from accomplished local artists such as Sally Berger and William Winters, to those such as Staats Fasoldt, who teaches at the Woodstock School of Art.

The library itself offers everything from book signings (Malachy McCourt) and presentations by Hudson Valley authors, to story hours for the little ones; and has a number of computers for public use, generously donated by Bill Gates. My suggestion: If you're an out of town visitor, place your name on the Library's mailing list, and you'll be pleasantly surprised at the many programs offered. If you're what I affectionately call "a local," read your newsletter!

So, neighbors, grab your throwaway camera and put on your hiking boots (save the black socks and fisherman sandals for summer). Then, when your buddy at the next desk asks "What'd ya do this weekend?," you can casually respond you hiked the 'Gunks, ice-skated at the *Nevele Grande*, or met a best-selling author. Happy touring! 🍷

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