

Barn Brats 4-H Keep Active

by Dawn Clayton

Hello! I have much information to share regarding the activities of the **Barn Brats 4-H Club**. Even though we are affiliated with the Sullivan County branch, all of our members live here in the Town of Wawarsing.

We had members competing in the Regional Horse Bowl and Hippology competition on March 5th in Orange Co.; we had members participating in the Presentations event in Sullivan County on the 12th of March; we went to the Ulster County Horse Council Equifest on March 13th, and then we had a Stampin'Up card-making, Mary Kay "make-up-ing," bake-sale-ing, presentation-displaying, model horse competition at the **Napanoch Fire House** on March 20th.

Are you interested in more? Call Dawn Clayton, Leader, **Sullivan County Barn Brats 4-H Club**, Napanoch, NY, 647-5812. ☆

Last Call for Free Trees

The **Shawangunk Garden Club** will be giving away a free Kousa Dogwood tree to anyone in our community who will plant the tree in a prominent area and who will provide it with care.

The **Club** has been giving away Kousa Dogwoods since 2002, when the project began in celebration of the **Club's 75th** Anniversary.

According to Project Chair Dale Craft, this year 200 three-year-old trees have been purchased by the club and will be available to the community.

This event will bring the number of trees given away by the garden club to one thousand. Having reached this goal, the club does not plan to continue the project.

To receive your free tree you must fill in the following coupon and mail it as directed. You will receive a phone call with the details as to when and where you can pick up your tree. Send your coupon in promptly, as only the first 200 respondents will receive trees.

The members of the **Shawangunk Garden Club** hope that you will take advantage of this offer. ☆

For info: Dale Craft, 647-7792.

The Shawangunk Garden Club Presents A Gift To The Community, Free To Anyone Who Will Plant And Nurture A Kousa Dogwood Tree. If you would like a Kousa Dogwood Tree to plant in a prominent place in our Town, please fill in this form and mail to:

The Shawangunk Garden Club
PO Box 910, Napanoch NY 12458

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Address _____

City/State/ZIP _____

Canal Lodge Seeks Volunteer Pianist

Canal Lodge Adult Care Center is looking for a volunteer to play piano for client sing-a-longs.

If interested, call Mary Ellen Rury at 647-8461.

Canal Lodge is open Mondays through Fridays 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM, and is located at **221 Canal St.**, Ellenville. ☆

Family to Set Up Support Group

Family's Domestic Violence Services currently provides a daytime support group in the Ellenville area for women dealing with domestic violence issues. It is now in the process of setting up an evening group that will also provide childcare and dinner. For information call Lisa, Delores, or Maritza at 647-2443. ☆

Girl Scouts Celebrate Thinking Day

Girl Scouts of the **Wawarsing Service Unit, Girl Scouts of Ulster County**, gathered at the **Napanoch Fire House** on Saturday, March 12th to celebrate World Thinking Day. Thinking Day is officially February 22, so during the months of February and March, Girl Scouts pick a country in which there are Girl Scouts (or Girl Guides, as they are called in many countries) and learn about a new culture.



During the Service Unit Thinking Day celebration, the girls explored the cultures of Greece, Italy, and India. They dressed as Greek goddesses and served each other grapes and fruit. They wore saris and did face and hand painting (India), plus they made pizzelles (Italian food) and learned to speak a little Italian. The girls enjoyed sharing what they learned with each other. Just look at those smiles (photo, above)! ☆

Home-Based Education Forum April 27th

An estimated two million children in the U.S. are now being educated outside of an institutional setting. What does it mean to homeschool? Is it legal? Does it work? What about socialization? What is a typical day? What about college? The finances? What are the philosophies and approaches of home educators in this area? Why does the number of home educators in New York continue to increase yearly by more than 20%?

Parents interested in discussing these questions and more are invited to a forum on **Wednesday, April 27th** at **7:00 PM** at the New Paltz Town Hall. The evening is offered by the **Ulster County Home Educators**, a rapidly growing network that now consists of over 40 families. The program will begin with a panel discussion followed by small group discussions led by members of the Ulster County group. The public is welcome to attend.

Admission is free. Nursing infants are welcome. Call 255-5299 for more information. ☆