

Turtles and Snakes Galore Saturday, August 6th, 7:00 – 8:30 PM; Mohonk Preserve

Jude Holdsworth, New York State Field Researcher, and Matt Harris, former Vice President of the Upstate Herpetological Association, will host this event. This program features live reptiles of New York including the endangered eastern massasauga, the timber rattlesnake, the threatened Blandings turtle, and more. Jude and Matt will share the natural history, special concerns, and stories of these fascinating cold-blooded animals. All ages are welcome. This is an easy, 1-mile hike.

Sign up now, call **845-255-0919**. The cost for advance tickets is \$8 for adults, \$3 for children 13-16 years of age, children 12 years and under are free. The cost for tickets purchased the day of the event at the gate is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 13-16 years of age, children 12 years and under are free.

Perseid Meteor Party Thursday, August 11th, 9:30 – 11:30PM; Mohonk Preserve

The Perseid meteor shower happens every August on one night only. Come view fire works that are truly out of this world. Rondout Valley High School Teacher and Mohonk Preserve Volunteer, Edward G. Doran, will tell us what is happening as we watch, or treat us to "A Grand Tour of the Universe" slide show if the weather does not cooperate. All ages are welcome. This is an easy, 1-mile hike. Sign up begins 7/24, call **845-255-0919**. The cost is \$8 for non-members and free to Preserve members.

Spring Farm Series III: The Rusty Boris Jazz Ensemble Saturday, August 13th, 7 – 8:30 PM; Mohonk Preserve

Come hear some jazz music made fresh. Whether the group is playing old standards or inspired by nature and flying free, you will enjoy this season's last outdoor concert at Spring Farm. All ages are welcome, especially adults. There is an easy, 1/2-mile walk to the site. Sign up now, call **845-255-0919**. The cost for advance tickets is \$8 for adults, \$3 for children 13-16 years of age, children 12 years and under are free. The cost for tickets purchased the day of the event at the gate is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 13-16 years of age, children 12 years and under are free.

What's in a Name? Saturday, August 6th, 4:00 – 5:30 PM; Sam's Point, Maratanza, and Verkeerder Kill

Historian Marc B. Fried will lead a short walk to the Sam's Point overlook, where he will deliver a talk based on his newest book, *Shawangunk Place Names: Indian, Dutch and English Geographical Names of the Shawangunk Mountain Region: Their Origin, Interpretation and Historical Evolution*. If we have good visibility Marc can also help to identify for you all the distant points in the Sam's Point viewshed.

Afterwards, we will return to the Conservation Center for light refreshments and a book-signing. Dress for the weather and bring repellent. You might also want to have enough for a book purchase. Meet at the Sam's Point Parking Lot. Easy, .6 miles.


Please call *Sam's Point Preserve* at **845-647-7989** to register.

Also, a talk by Marc Fried on **Saturday, August 20th, 10:30 AM** (Coffee at 10 AM) at **Bevier House Museum, 2682 Rte. 209**, Marbletown. Sponsored by the *Ulster County Historical Society*. Free for members; suggested donation for non-members \$4. For season program, go to www.bevierhousemuseum.org or call: **845-338-5614**.

Fire on the Mountain: Past and Present Sunday, August 28th, 9:30 AM – 12:00 Noon


Learn how plants at Sam's Point have actually adapted to fire with Land Steward and Fire Ecologist, Gabe Chapin. Gabe will begin with a presentation at the Conservation Center and finish with an easy walk along the Loop Road. Historical human influences on the fire regime and re-introduction of fire through the use of prescribed burns will be discussed. Participants will visit areas that have been prepared by the Nature Conservancy for prescribed burns in the fall. Meet at the Conservation Center. Moderate. 2.9 miles. Please call *Sam's Point Preserve* at **845-647-7989** to register.

A Muralist's View of Sam's Point Saturday, September 10th, 9:30 AM – 12:00 Noon

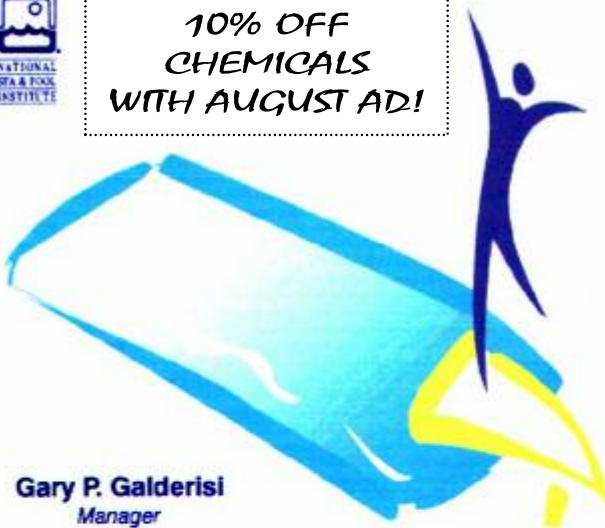
Accompany artist, Linda Thomas, and Shawangunk Ridge Director Cara Lee, on a hike to see up close what inspired Linda to create the magnificent mural that has been installed in the Sam's Point Conservation Center. Meet at the Sam's Point Conservation Center. Moderate. Please call *Sam's Point Preserve* at **845-647-7989** to register. 

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