A Message from Our President:

The last few days have been busy, soliciting donors, meeting with Beacon Mayor Randy Casale and other community leaders, to coordinate activities and create a community calendar, attending Beacon Chamber of Commerce meeting and making connections, and attending a presentation by Alan Thomas and Tom LaBarr on the Beacon Sloop Club in my neighborhood at the condo association for the Preserve on the Hudson. The presentation was excellent and one of the attendees remarked that they were amazed at all that the Sloop Club did. Which is good, but it clearly emphasizes the need to make others aware of this.

Friday night we had our general meeting. Saturday Saul Rozinsky and Alan Thomas repaired the electrical system so we now have lights again in the stage area. Saturday evening we had our Annual Woody Guthrie Dinner. The event was great with good food, drink, prizes and dancing until midnight. If you were not there you missed a good time. Sunday, we begin Woody maintenance and the Regatta committee will meet. All of these activities took place over just 4 days. This is what goes on behind the scenes, between our general meetings.

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Stanley Crawford says that, “Winter is the time of promise because there is so little to do - or because you can now and then permit yourself the luxury of thinking so.” March is that month of transition from winter to spring. As the world becomes warmer and more beautiful, restored with rest and respite, we are moved to action. Beginning in April we will steadily increase our activities.

We will celebrate the earth, educate to increase environmental consciousness, and clean up our local environment. We will begin this transformation with a concert by Housetop Band 2 PM on Sunday April 1. They are a four-person band who play a very active bluesy jazz accompanied by great vocals. A portion of the funds will benefit the Woody Guthrie.

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David Eberle

Inside this issue:
Winter maintenance in full swing, a great time had by all at the Woody dinner, and much more....

Photo by Aimee LaBarr

NEXT EXEC. COM. MEETING IS Tuesday, March 27th 7:00 p.m.
NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS FRIDAY, April 6th, 7:30 p.m., Potluck at 6:30 p.m.
If you haven’t yet; Please Renew.  

BSC Membership Form

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Mail to:  Beacon Sloop Club  P.O. Box 527  Beacon, NY 12508

Link to Online Renewal:  http://beaconsloop.org/Join.html

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The Beacon Sloop Club, Inc. is a non-profit, volunteer environmental education/action and sailing organization dedicated to cleaning up the Hudson River and its environs. Our main focus is the Beacon, Fishkill and Newburgh area.

Members meet the first Friday of every month at the Sloop Club Building located just across from the Beacon train station. Look for the building with the Norway spruce tree growing out of the roof! A potluck dinner starts at 6:30 p.m.; bring a covered dish to share and your own place setting. The general meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. and lasts about an hour or so. The meeting is followed by a sing-along.

The Beacon Sloop Club and newsletter are accessible from the web: www.beaconsloopclub.org.

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Alan Thomas, PO Box 430, Hughsonville, NY 12537

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Welcome. After Michael Scollnick and James Malchow led the club in a newly composed, “Raise the Sail” fundraising song, Rosemary Thomas raised the sail on the Woody Guthrie donation sloop to record our progress against the $1500 matching grant.

Club President David Eberle welcomed first-time visitors – from Beacon, Cold Spring, Beacon, Hunter Mt., Rutgers, and New Brunswick, NJ., including Rebecca Menendez, Kathy Nolan (Catskill Mt.Keeper), and Ken McCormick.

Treasurer's Report. Sarah Elisabeth reported expenses and income for the month. The opening balance was $42,197 and the closing balance, $45,662. The full treasurer’s report appears elsewhere in the Broadside.

Building & Patio. Claudine Craig thanked Saul Rozinsky for the new (used) gate for our fence. It looks wonderful. A grant of $11,700 for repair of damage from Irene (shetetock and roofing) was received from Hudson River Improvement Fund. A condition of the grant requires that the work be done by May 13th. We will be meeting with the contractor and then notifying the City. We will need volunteers to help contain the cost. ** The fan for the Multrum will be installed soon. We have the fan. We have the volunteer.

Environmental Committee. Alan Thomas, reporting for Steve van der Merwe, noted that the February meeting, concerning impacts on Hudson River waters by Andrew Meyer and Emily Vail from the DEC, was packed. Presentations occur on the third Friday of the month through May at 7pm. The next talk will be March 16th. A schedule appears elsewhere in the Broadside.

Woody Report. Tom LaBarr. The Woody continues under tarp at White's Marina, as usual in the winter. Tom reminded those present that volunteer work opportunities are listed on the Woody sailor site and Facebook pages. Winter maintenance begins this Sunday and continues every Sunday from 10am – 2pm. It's not just for sailors.

The Block Party, the annual, pre-season work party to fix, renovate, oil and polish the above-deck blocks and other moving parts for the Woody, was hosted by Tony Aquisto this year. Thank you to Tony and Mary for opening their house to a large group of sailors. Tom LaBarr announced the Annual Woody Dinner, March 3rd at the Riverview Terrace and that a few spots were still available.

Membership. Tom LaBarr reminded the Club that membership payments are overdue now if you haven’t re-upped. An application and fee schedule appears on page 2 of the Broadside, at www.beaconsloopclub.org and on the Beacon Sloop Club Facebook page.

Fundraising. David Eberle continues to match donations of $100 or more up to $1500. ** There will be a concert at the Clubhouse on April 1st at 2:00pm to benefit the Woody Guthrie.

The Club will also be the sole beneficiary of proceeds from this year’s Hudson River Yacht Racing Association sanctioned charity regatta (8/25/2012). The Woody Guthrie Cup – Living River Regatta will be organized and run by the Sloop Club and Chelsea Yacht Club and sanctioned by HRYRA. The Regatta Committee is meeting regularly to organize on-shore and on-water activities. We need additional volunteers, and sponsors.

Announcements: Sue Altkin brought us up to date on the Club sponsorship of Mission Wolf. She passed the hat for continuing support. ** Sue also passed out sheets for the Legends Project. She asked that members add memories on the many long-time volunteers. It will be a part of an oral history of the Club. ** Kathy Nolan, High Peaks Regional Director for Catskill Mountain Keeper, described some activities of CMK. (She also added a great voice to this month’s Circle of Song). Mighty Xee and Gloria Waslyn announced a concert in Harmony, Woodstock on March 25. Flyer in the Club (email mightyxee@yahoo.com) ** Lynn Eberle introduced Rebecca Melendez who is a NYSERDA certified home performance auditor. Lynn and she started a new company to perform energy audits and to contract work to make your home much more energy efficient. They are hosting a presentation, Tues., March 6 at the Beacon Institute in Beacon. ** Many activities are planned for the anniversary of the Fukushima disaster. ** Connie Hogarth announced a March 5th program for first responders featuring four Japanese who have done research, provided community support and/or work at and near the disaster site. Sen, the Buddhist nun from the Grafton Peace Pagoda is walking to connect the reactor communities of Oyster Creek, Indian Point and Vermont Yankee. Join the march at 1pm at ShopRite in Croton and/or participate in a rally and human chain at the gates in front of Indian Point on Sunday, March 11 at 3:30 (mannajo@clearwater.org). ** We are a co-sponsor of the annual Maple Festival at Randolph School which will be on March 24 from 10am to 3pm. **

Respectfully submitted,
Vane Lashua, Secretary
Eighty or ninety of the Woody’s closest friends gathered at the River Terrace restaurant to celebrate her 34th season of free public sails, have a little fun, and raise much needed funds for her restoration. It was a wonderful opportunity for captains, crews, and supporters to mingle and relax. The evening featured music by Mike Klubnick and Joe Johnson who really rocked!

Another huge thank you to Tom LaBarr for organizing the event and soliciting donations. Thank you to Aimee LaBarr for supplying many of the photos. Many of our local merchants contributed to making this a really enjoyable time so we encourage you to patronize them or just stop in to say thanks.

We thank the following Woody Dinner Donors:
Hudson Beach Glass, Mountain Tops, Gail Robinson, Mona Birmingham, Mark McCarroll, Vivian Walter, Shambala Yoga, Nichols Hardware, Beacon Bath & Bubble, River Winds Gallery, Crumb, The Beacon Barkery, Cup & Saucer Tea Room, Artisan Wine Shop, Homespun Foods, Max’s On Main, Brother’s Trattoria, Sukhothai, Tas Kafe’, Isamu, Poppy’s, Bank Square Coffee House, Vintage Café, Yankee Clipper Diner, La Bella Rosa flowers, and Gourmetibles.

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LOVE OUR PLANET
March 25th at 1:00 pm
at Harmony, Woodstock

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Johnny Asia and Shew Cutter
The Princess of Serendip w/ Julie Parasol Kirby and T.G. Vanini
ONE SKY w/ Mighty Xee, T.G. Vanini, E C Lorick
E C Lorick’s Song: “Haiti, We Love You”
Film showing at 2:30 pm: Tobe Carey’s documentary, “From the Ashes of Nuclear Power to the Hands of Rivers”

NO WHERE TO RUN
with poignant, yeah, yeah, yeah
Dave Keeley
Gloria Walsim/The Parrots for Peace
Marllyn Kirby and JR Longyear
Jail and friends
Terry and Pierre Leroy
of The Haitian People’s Support Project

All profits will be divided between Hudson River Sloop Clearwater and The Haitian People’s Support Project

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Fracking Update

In two separate decisions New York State judges ruled that local municipalities may prohibit natural gas drilling within their boundaries. Both judges found precedent for local government’s control of land uses under zoning authority granted by the state. While the rulings are likely to be appealed, they represent a milestone in the fracking debate in New York State.

The Woody Report
By Gigi Fris

Many thanks to Mary Fris and Tony Acquisto and to all sailors, captains and club members who participated in the block party in Beacon. 28 people showed up to make it a success, and our pulleys are now in back in order and stored neatly on their shop rack. They will continue to be oiled weekly until rigging recommences in early May.

Thanks to Anthony for helping to cart the tables and chairs back and forth from the Beacon Sloop Club, as well as setting up the garage—which fortunately has a huge window on its north side to ventilate the tung oil fumes that arise during the final phases of the process.

Sincere gratitude to Kip and Kevin for both supplying electric heaters to make the garage more comfortable, as the thermostat only climbed to 40 degrees that day.

Mary, of course, was a wonderful hostess and did a spectacular job of organizing the buffet table and drinks; we appreciated the red tulips and gay daffodils as the centerpiece. She also did a lot of one-on-one educational spiels on raising chickens.

Guests worked hard and contributed many delicious items to our spread. Thanks to all for your cheer and good will.

A final shout out to Van Der Merwe for posting reminders for the party date!

Winter maintenance continues every Sunday at 10am. We got a lot of sanding out of the way for stuff inside the shed so it can be primed and painted next weekend. By the third weekend in March, we can then start scraping the hull and patching up any new holes in the sheer strake.

Photo by Matt Tether

Concert / Fundraiser
April 1, 2012, 2:00 pm
At
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The Environmental Committee Proudly Presents:
The 2012 FREE Winter Lecture Series
Come join us for an informative evening

When: 3rd Friday of the Month, 7:00 PM
Where: The Beacon Sloop Club, Beacon Harbor, Beacon, NY (across from Metro North riverside)

Fri., March 16th, 7pm “OF TIME AND THE RIVER: SONGS OF THE HISTORIC HUDSON” a lecture by former Sloop Singer Linda Russell which traces life along the Hudson as seen in folk ballads, Erie Canal ditties and dance tunes accompanied by guitar, pennywhistle & hammered & mountain dulcimers. 

Fri., April 20th 7pm UNDERSTANDING PAST NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURES IN THE HUDSON VALLEY THROUGH ARCHAEOLOGY a lecture by Eugene J. Boesch. This presentation examines Native American cultures and adaptations in the southeastern New York region from the area's earliest occupation by humans, at least 13,000 years ago, to the period of initial European exploration

Fri., May 18th, 7pm “ORGANIC GARDENING IN CUBA” a presentation by Nora Hammond-Gallardo. This lecture includes a brief history of Cuba, and photos of the country and its people and shows how gardens are built, what is planted, and how the produce is sold.

For further information: 914-879-1082, 845 463-4660, or www.beaconsloopclub.org

All events are free and open to the public.
The March and April events are made possible through the support of the New York Council for the Humanities’ Speakers in the Humanities program, the National Endowment for the Humanities and the New York State Legislature, who we gratefully acknowledge.

Volunteers are welcomed for set-up, clean-up, supplying refreshments, and posting flyers.

A Packed House for Our February Lecture

We would like to again thank Andrew Meyer and Emily Vail from the DEC for a great talk and a lively discussion regarding ongoing studies of the local effects of tropical storms Irene and Lee and strategies for mitigating the impacts of storm water runoff.

Andrew presented data illustrating the critical role that wetlands play in the retention of storm water and the relative impacts of Irene and Lee in areas with differing wetland capacity. Some differences are fixed due to geography; some are the result of disruption due to human activities.

Emily showed how green development practices can be used to slow the runoff of storm water and increase the capacity of the landscape to absorb it. She showed many local examples such as permeable pavement, day-lighting of streams, and naturalizing stream banks that are being put to practice. She discussed local and state regulations and encouraged everyone to get involved in the planning process in their communities.

Thank You to Emily and Andrew and all who came and contributed to the discussion!

BEACON SLOOP CLUB ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION SERIES

Of Time and the River: Songs of the Historic Hudson
A Lecture and Music by
Linda Russell

Friday, March 16, 2012
7:00 pm
At the Beacon Sloop Club
(opposite the Beacon train station)

Join singer/educator Linda Russell as she brings the rich history of the Hudson River to life through folk ballads, Erie Canal ditties and dance tunes.

17th century pirates and soldiers,
19th century artists and laborers, and
20th century environmentalists
all recorded a wealth of human history in their songs.

A recognized expert in historical interpretation, Linda Russell has been balladeer for the National Park Service at Federal Hall National Memorial in New York City for 16 years. Her featured performances include A Prairie Home Companion, Carnegie Hall, Avery Fisher Hall, Symphony Space and the National Archives.

This program, which is free and open to the public, is made possible through the support of the New York Council for the Humanities’ Speakers in the Humanities program.

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April         Bonnie Rozinsky
May           Sue Altkin
June          Daveid E. Eberle
July          Rosemary Thomas
August        Volunteer Needed
September     Volunteer Needed
October       Bonnie Rozinsky
November      Alice Vaughn
December      Mystery Person- we couldn’t read your signature

To signup contact Claudine Craig 895-8758
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Executive Committee meeting, Tues March 27th, 7:00 p.m., at David Eberle’s House

Beacon Sloop Club meeting every 1st Friday of the month: next meeting April 6th– potluck 6:30 p.m., general meeting 7:30 p.m.

Farmers Market every Sunday, 11-3 p.m., Scenic Hudson's Long Dock Park, Beacon, NY

PLANET BLUE WITH CHRIS RUHE and Tonia Shou on radio station WVKR 91.3 FM, Every Fri., 5 to 6 p.m.

Walkabout Clearwater Coffeehouse- Christine Lavin, Saturday, Mar. 10, 7:30 PM, 250 Bryant Ave, White Plains, NY, Advance Tickets at www.walkaboutclearwater.org

Fukushima Ceremonial Vigil, Sun. March 11, 1:00 pm Peace walk, 3:30 at gates to Indian Point, Buchanan, NY

“OF TIME AND THE RIVER: SONGS OF THE HISTORIC HUDSON”, w/ Linda Russell, Fri., March 16th, 7pm, at the BSC Clubhouse, Beacon, NY

CLEARWATER'S FAMILY OPEN BOAT DAYS, Sat., March 24, 5:00 – 9:00 PM, at Lynch's Marina, 2 Ferry St., Saugerties. a $10 donation is suggested. RSVPs are appreciated. Please contact Linda Richards at Linda@Clearwater.org, or 845-265-8080, ext.7105.

Close Indian Point, Love Our Planet, Sun. March 25, 1:00 pm, Harmony, Woodstock

Our Souls Look Back (and Ahead) In Wonder, Sun. March 25, 2:00pm, Howland Cultural Center, Beacon, NY

Winter Maintenance, Sundays, 10:00 am, at White's Marina, New Hamburg.

John Roberts, Sun. March 25, 2:00 pm, at the Borderline Folk Music Club, New City, NY

Concert / Fundraiser- Featuring Housetop, Sun. Apr. 1, 2:00 pm, BSC Clubhouse, Beacon, NY Suggested donation $10

Herbalist Walk- Sarah Elisabeth, Sat. April 14th, 10 am, CEIE 199 Dennings Ave, Beacon, NY Register online at www.bire.org

Walkabout Clearwater Coffeehouse- The Makem & Spain Brothers, Saturday, Apr. 14, 7:30 PM, 250 Bryant Ave, White Plains, NY, Advance Tickets at www.walkaboutclearwater.org

NYS Parks Commissioner Rose Harvey, Thurs, Apr. 19, CEIE 199 Dennings Ave, Beacon, NY Register online at www.bire.org

UNDERSTANDING PAST NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURES IN THE HUDSON VALLEY THROUGH ARCHAEOLOGY a lecture by Eugene J. Boesch, Fri., April 20th, 7pm, at the BSC Clubhouse, Beacon, NY

Vigil for Peace every Saturday from 12-2 p.m. at the intersection of Rts. 9 and 9D opposite Staples and at the corner of the South Hills Mall.

Details of calendar events may be found elsewhere in the newsletter.
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