Beacon Sloop Club Broadside



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Serving the Hudson River with Pride for 41 Years

A Message from Our President

Well, I guess this is late Winter; 60 degrees one day and 20 degrees two days later. The snow on the ground is retreating, soon only the plowed-up heaps will remain.

Our next environmental lecture is about sustainable organic farming, and it couldn't come at a better time. If you're planning an organic garden this year, there may be some information that is applicable.

We are starting to get busy in anticipation of the festival season. One thing we want to do this year is to build a second Solar Trailer. We have to do this, if we are going to continue to power all the sound equipment on our festival stages by sunlight. With two stages at each festival, and the two stages several hundred feet apart, we can't power both stages with the one solar unit. We plan to build this one with a group of volunteers. I'd like to see young folks, first timers and anyone who wants to pitch in.

The buzzword in education seems to be STEM.....Here we have some. My phone number is 845-496-5617.

As the days get longer and warmer, look for announcements of work parties on the building, on the harbor and on the Woody. While it has not yet been decided exactly where the major repair work on the Woody will be done, it is pretty clear that we want to see that beautiful boat floating in our harbor until it goes off to the shipwright's yard.

We'll be stabilizing it and prepping it this Spring.

Get out in the fresh mild air and lend a hand. Saul

Inside this issue:

Chasing away the Winter Blues at the Woody Dinner, the sailors meet, music history, remembering Pete, upcoming events, and much, much more...





NEXT EXEC. COM. MEETING IS Tuesday, March 25th 7:00 p.m. –NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS FRIDAY, April 4th, 7:30 p.m., Potluck at 6:30 p.m.

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The **Beacon Sloop Club Broadside** is the official monthly newsletter of the **Beacon Sloop Club, Inc.**

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

Beacon Sloop Club General Meeting

Minutes, March 7, 2014

The meeting began at 7:30 p.m. with Kurt Hauck leading the club in singing "A Toast to the Times" and Ken Miller singing "Quite Early Morning." Saul Rozinsky welcomed first time attendees from Pennsylvania and New Paltz.

Saul introduced Sarah Elisabeth, who gave the Treasury Report. The opening balance for February was \$164,934 and the closing balance was \$165,771.

Jim Birmingham gave the Woody Report. The Woody is covered in New Hamburg. We are working on getting a new survey and we've been in communication with Mystic Seaport. There is hope that the Woody will be put in the water this year as we continue fundraising, but we aren't sure how much it can be used. Our options won't be clear until the survey is conducted.

Tom LaBarr reported on the Woody Dinner. The dinner was a great success by every measure. The year's dinner earned over \$3,500 for the club. Bonnie Champion asked for special thanks for Tom for his work organizing the dinner.

Rosemary Thomas reported for the Environmental Committee. The March lecture is on March 20th and is on the subject of sustainable agriculture. Saul Rozinsky added that the lectures have been fantastic so far this year.

Saul Rozinsky announced that in March there are lectures on the migration of striped bass, food chains in the Passaic River, and New York Harbor storm surges put on by the Hudson River Foundation.

Sarah Elisabeth announced that there is an Arbor Day event in April at the dog park next to Memorial Park. The solar trailer will be there. Saul Rozinsky said we are working on having an Earth Day event. Saul also thanked Alan Thomas for arranging for the club to get another load of firewood. Rosemary Thomas spoke briefly about the Strawberry Festival. This year's festival is on June 15th and everyone is needed.

Saul Rozinsky announced that the solar trailer was built twelve years ago and is working fine. Saul said we're thinking of building another solar trailer to help power both stages at our festivals. Saul asked who might be interested in helping to build it.

Sarah Elisabeth announced that June 19th is World Peace and Prayer Day and there is going to be an event at Bowdoin Park in Wappingers Falls.

Vane Lashua announced that on March 9th there will be a walk from Croton to Peekskill as part of a Fukushima commemoration. Vane also reminded the club that Earth Day is an environmental lobbying day in Washington D.C.

J.C. Calderon announced that on March 15th there will be a Maple Fest at Randolph School in Wappingers. It is family friendly.

Chris Ruhe announced that on April 5th there will be a concert to benefit the Sloop Club at the Howland Cultural Center. Chris also proposed having a Riversweep on April 20th.

Connie Hogarth made several announcements. First she emphasized Vane Lashua's call for club members to participate in Fukushima and Indian Point-related events. Connie also announced that she received a communication from the Pachamama Alliance thanking the Sloop Club for its donation to them. Connie proposed having film showings at the Sloop Club of Gasland 2 and Pete Seeger: The Power of Song.

Spook Handy announced that there have been Pete Seeger tributes around the country and that we should be sure to include young people.

Mary Poppiins passed out copies of newspapers that covered the Martin Luther King parade and the death of Pete Seeger.

Maria Young encouraged people to plant milkweed seeds to help Monarch Butterflies, who are in danger of extinction.

Hope Altkin thanked everyone who has helped clear snow and set up meetings this winter.

Wayne Kocher auctioned off two pieces of artwork he made to benefit the sloop club. The auction raised \$61.

The meeting broke at 8:40 p.m.



Ken Miller, Cato Risicato, Alan Thomas, & Steve van der Mervwe cleared more than 6 feet of snow piled against the clubhouse after the Feb. Blizzard.

Join Clearwater for a 2014 Winter Open Boat Saturday, March 15; 4:00-8:00PM

Come visit the sloop and celebrate the winter months with friends! Bring a potluck dish to share, enjoy local music, meet the captains and learn about the sloop restoration. It all takes place at the Home Port "barn" on the Hudson River Maritime Museum property at 50 Rondout Landing, Kingston, NY 12401 (MAP)

For more information, email Events@Clearwater.org or call (845)265-8080, x7105

Remembering What Pete and Toshi Stood For

As I sat at the Beacon Sloop Club meeting Friday, Feb. 7th, watching the huge crowd who attended, I remembered what Pete had said. If we don't destroy ourselves first, change will not happen from the top down, but from small groups coming together. Pete and Toshi also exemplified for me what it means to be a family. At the meeting, I listened to the diverse people, on many levels, remembering Pete through stories. I realized how essential it is as human beings to share with others our common loses, interests, information, and fears.... just like family members (whether they agree or not). I was touched by the frankness of what I saw at the meeting.

During Friday evening, I shared with others eating the slippery pizza slices and other goodies as family members do. Hot lentil soup was offered from the hearts of a family whose children I watched grow. The man who hugged his huge stuffed dog reminded me of my difficulties during college and those in my family. We remembered other club members who have died recently, Jim Krivo, Mike Sherker, etc. That is one of the things family elders teach us that death is inevitable.

My thoughts included the past disagreements between club members who, while they do not look like us or agree with certain issues, still share our humor and humanity and break our stereotypes. I've watched us work together to bring joy to so many people who visit our festivals, ride on the club's boat, visit information booths, and enjoy the music. We contribute to further building that community Pete thought would save this world.

A man stood during the meeting to discuss the Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP) fast track proposal, which is environmentally dangerous to mankind. It is an international agreement between governments and corporations, but which reduces the safety of imported goods. He touched a familiar chord as I had been asked to contact my Congressperson to vote against this by a respected friend months ago, so I did. Republican Chris Gibson's aide told me that the Congressman also does not support this proposal. I then read a study by the Center For Economic Research. It stated that if passed, "the TPP (which includes the U.S, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, South Korea, and Singapore) would result in the off -shoring of millions of jobs, tie the U.S. in its ability to use tax dollars to boast new industries such as green energy, and weaken regulations governing banks."

I met Pete and Toshi on the platform of the Metro-North train at 125th St. in Harlem more than twenty years ago. My initial impression was, "Oh look at those old hippies!" Pete invited me to sit with them, as he had done with thousands of others. We rode to Beacon and I listened to historical tales about the Hudson Valley. They invited me to a Sloop Club meeting.

What Pete and Toshi symbolized to me were family, commitment, music, our shared humanity, and hope for the future of mankind. Toshi and Peter...Presente!

Submitted by Nora H. Gallardo

How Pete Seeger Inspired One Teacher-by Greg O'Loughlin

To try to personalize Pete's influence or somehow attach myself to our recent loss seems a bit unsavory and this is not my intention. The biographical details of his many days among us will be well-covered by fine folks who write for newspapers and websites. I thought I'd simply share my thoughts on why I find myself thinking about how Pete Seeger's influence has extended as far as our Edgehill neighborhood.

His impact on the world seems forest-like to me. A forest's impact might be measured one leaf at a time, each leaf unique and special to the tree but it is a forest full of millions of leaves that change, shape and contribute to the world in positive, often immeasurable ways. Pete tended to each leaf he encountered, knowing full-well the power of a forest.

I grew up in Poughkeepsie, NY and, from a young age, spent many hours sailing on the Hudson River. When I was in 5th grade, my father and I volunteered to crew the Clearwater, We sailed in a traditional Hudson River Sloop from town to town, providing tours for elementary-school students on field trips along with a clear message that the river's health was up to each of us. My parents' influence on me as teachers was already well established, but this first real opportunity to actually teach peers about something I was passionate about was life-changing. When you teach, all parties win. I was hooked.

Later, I worked in Fahnestock State Park, a New York State Park. As part of my job, I would, on occasion, walk the border to check on trees that might need attention or just to ensure that access was clear. Pete was not only a neighbor, but also a friend of the park and was no stranger to the trails and surroundings. On one of my favorite days we opened a new footbridge on a trail that crossed a creek. It was a small bridge and its opening was no big affair, but our small crew made a day out of it. Pete surprised us all by showing up to our 'ribbon-cutting' with his banio. We sang some classic folk songs and learned the refrains of some new ones. There were no cameras or press, just an opportunity to celebrate and share in the joy of growth and thoughtful development. I think of this day often and am grateful for the lesson that there is always time to celebrate with a song, a smile and some kind words and that it is important that we find the time to do it. I volunteered at the Clearwater Festival throughout High School and Pete would always take time to greet and talk with the volunteers.

There were not many folks I would listen to when I was a High School student, but I imagined Pete knew a great deal about how the world outside of Poughkeepsie worked and I was eager to glean from him what I could. My friends and I sat in circle after a long day of cooking, sign making, stage set-up and whatever else we were up to in preparation for the festival. Pete joined us and we all talked for a while about the work and the music we were excited to see. Someone asked him if he had any advice for the lot of us. I don't remember what he said well enough to put quotes around it, but I do remember it well enough to recount it even today. He told us to pick a place, stay there, and get to work. He said that so many of us kids seem to think that life will be better 'over there' or 'over here'. Make your neighborhood a better place one neighbor at a time. There's nothing 'out there' that you can't find right here and it likely needs the same amount of creativity, attention and work as anything you'll find 'out there.' I picked my place more than 10 years ago and I have committed to contributing what I can to my neighborhood.

Now, when I consider the time I'll be able to commit to working with the Centennial Community Service Project, when I search for the time to teach my students about the impact of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. beyond the words of an amazing speech, when I seek opportunities to celebrate with my students and colleagues, events big and small, I hear Pete's words: Make your neighborhood a better place. Get to work. Right now. Right here.

This year's 8th Annual Beacon Sloop Club Benefit Dinner for the sloop Woody Guthrie:



Was held at the Town Crier Café and raised over \$3500 for the restoration of the Woody Guthrie.

To Tom and Aimee LaBarr for all the hard work that went into organizing the event, to Phil Ciganer and his staff for hosting us, to all our local merchants and friends who donated door prizes and raffle items, to Painted Betty for rocking out for our dancers, and to all our supporters who came out to support the Beacon Sloop Club and the Woody Guthrie.....

Thank You!

PEACE POLE RE-DEDICATION TO PETE SEEGER



FOR PEACE, LOVE & PROSPERITY

SATURDAY, MARCH 15 - 12 NOON AT THE PEACE POLE THE FOOT OF BROADWAY

SALVATION ARMY AND UNITY CENTER PLAQUES ADDED.

WITH A MEMORIAL PLAQUE DEDICATED TO PETE AND TOSI SEEGER, EARTHDAY FOUNDER, JOHN MCCONNELL & REV. SYLVESTER McCLEARN WHO ALL PASSED AWAY THIS PAST YEAR 2013-14

Unity in Community moving us from the "Love of Power to the Power of Love"



Woody Sailors meeting, Sunday Feb. 23, 2014

The meeting called to order at 11:10AM by Jim Birmingham and discussion commenced on the status of the boat and the sailing season. The marine surveyor report of boat listed the boats condition as "poor" thus putting what we can do this sailing season in doubt. There is dissatisfaction with the specificity of current marine survey. The surveyor has not responded to requests for clarification. Jim has reached out to Mystic and is hoping that he will be able to get the name of a wooden boat specialist to provide a second marine survey. No complete bids for either repair vs hull replacement have been received yet

Options for some sort of "modified" sailing season including options for no guests but still using the boat for sailing/training, launching and using as a training vessel at the docks were discussed. The goal and focus is still to get the boat in the water this season to enable the above.

Options for closing the fundraising gap including the offer of sloop club member Diggett to provide and mill the wood for repair/replacement project and the possibility for a bank line of credit or bridge loan were raised. Diggett's offer would need to be discussed with bidders.

Steve S reported that the old boom is still in storage and it was decided to bring it back to the Sloop Club for stripping of paint to determine whether it can be fused back together or if other rot is detected (screws holding the lazy jacks most likely too long and may have caused water seepage causing rot.)

Don Raskopf was voted in a new Winter Maintenance coordinator.

Tom L. reported on status of the electric motor. All tests indicate that the issue centered on the controller and a new controller has been acquired. If boat goes into the water the system will fully shore tested before installing in the boat. There are concerns about the persistence of water and humidity degrading the electrical components. If a new hull is eventually built a new sealed motor would be acquired to replace the motor we currently have. New meters have also been obtained.

The need for a Woody Archive for pertinent Woody boat related information (surveys, repairs, x-rays, etc.) that currently reside in various locations to be consolidated raised. Steve F. volunteered to be a focal point for gathering and digitizing as much as possible.

A new New York State law requiring operators of boats with motors born after 5/1/96 to complete a safety course. http://nysparks.com/recreation/boating/education.aspx Chelsea may offer a course.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05PM. Respectfully submitted: Steve Feyl





The Woody Guthrie Sails through the Hudson Highlands - by Pete Seeger

Woody Dinner Donors

Hudson Beach Glass TOWNE CRIER CAFE Radio Woodstock Max's on Main Mountain Tops Gail Robinson

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Cup & Saucer Restaurant and Tea Room

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The Beacon Bagel

Beacon Falls Café

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Homespun Foods

Bank Square Coffeehouse

Ella's Bellas

The Beacon Barkery

UTENSIL

La Bella Rosa

Artisan wine shop

BEACON D'LITES

Yogo Waffle

BrothersTrattoria

Geraldos Seafood

Beacon Reads

Robert Thomas



Photos by Aimee LaBarr

A fireside tour of the history of 'protest' songs at the February lecture.

Music historian Robert Cohen guided us through a rich history of songs that have helped to drive social



change. From rallying Jefferson's supports to defeat that 'tyrant' John Adams, through the abolition and labor movements, and up to modern times, he showed how music was used to tug on emotions and garner support for various causes.

He showed how popular tunes, hymns, and old ayres, were used, and reused and recycled over the years to fit the times; what Pete called the "folk process". There were many familiar songs and performers featured including the Almanacs, the Weavers, and Pete. It was hard at time not to sing along as we have all been trained by the best. There were also many surprises and songs that made you think about the meaning of social protest. Even top 40 hits may carry a message. Who thinks of Bing Crosby as someone who would sing a protest song?

While not unique to the United States, the 'protest' song is a part of American culture and heritage and has influenced us in many, sometimes subtle, ways.

Thank you to Robert Cohen for an informative evening and to the NYS Speakers in Humanities Program for providing the grant that made his visit possible.



HUDSON RIVER FOUNDATION WINTER/SPRING SEMINARS 2014



A seminar series on scientific issues related to the environmental quality and resource management of the New York/New Jersey Harbor Estuary

Friday, March 14, 2014, 10:30 a.m.

Migration Ecology of New York Harbor Striped Bass
David Secor, University of Maryland

Tuesday, April 8, 2014, 10:30 a.m.

Modeling New York/New Jersey Harbor Storm Surge Flooding and Influences of Barriers and Natural Systems Philip Orton, Stevens Institute of Technology

Tuesday, May 6, 2014, 10:30 a.m.

Transfer of Persistent Organic Pollutants in the Passaic River and its Food Chain

Rainer Lohmann, University of Rhode Island

All seminars will be held at:
The Hudson River Foundation
17 Battery Place, Suite 915
New York, NY 10004

RSVP: 212-483-7667 or info@hudsonriver.org Seating capacity is limited. Please call or e-mail in advance.

Models for Sustainable Agriculture: Farming and Transport

with Keith Steward and Erik Andrus

A Free Event

Thursday, March 20, 2014
7:00 pm
At the Beacon Sloop Club
(opposite the Beacon train station)



Certified Organic Vegetable Grower Keith
Stewart is the author of Storey's Guide to Growing
Organic Vegetables & Herbs for Market, It's a Long Road
to a Tomato: Tales of an Organic Farmer Who Quit the
Big City for the (Not So) Simple Life, and featured essays
in The Valley Table. He has appeared on the Food
Channel's Follow that Food, PBS's Chefs A' Field, and
has been featured in the New York Times and Gourmet.



September 2013

of the Vermont Sail Freight

Project whose sailing barge Ceres made her maiden

voyage down the Hudson in



This vessel carries forward an honorable history of sail-powered commerce throughout Northeast waterways and particularly along the Hudson. With its 15 tons of cargo, the vessel is an efficient regional food distributor Connecting Farmers with Markets on the Champlain-Hudson Waterway, and a powerful platform for dialog about the possibilities for a truly sustainable value-chain and re-regionalized food system.



REMEMBERING PETE SEEGER

A fundraiser for the Hudson Valley Folk Guild and the Sloops Clearwater and Woody Guthrie



FRIDAY, JUNE 13th - 8pm

Starring Betty and the Baby Boomers



with Dan Aguiar, Scott Berwick, Pat Lamanna, Bob Lusk & Lyn Burnstine as our emcee

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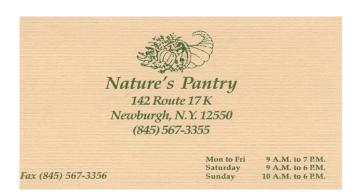
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Beacon Sloop Club Treasury Report									
Submitted by Sarah Elisabeth									
February 25, 2014									
				Woody & Small					
BSC General Fund	Am ount	Membership	Paypal	Boats	Event	Newsletter	Harbor	Clubhouse	
Donation	207.00				100.00				
Book Sales	105.00								
Membership	1,915.00	1,915.00							
Central Hudson	(77.08)							(77.08)	
Donation	(1,000.00)				(1,000.00)				
Broadside	(267.17)					(267.17)			
Food	(45.41)				(45.41)				
Total Monthly Income and Expenses (837.34	1,915.00	0.00	0.00	(945.41)	(267.17)	0.00	(77.08)	
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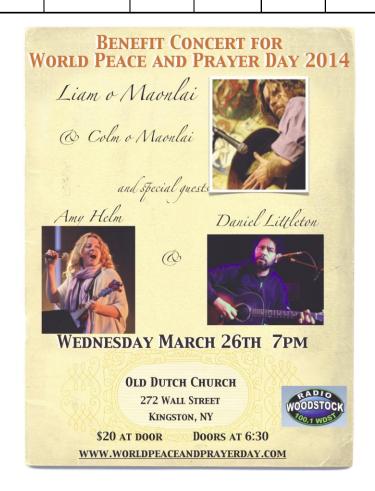
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Walkabout Coffeehouse

April 12, 2014

Seamus Kennedy

SeamusKennedy.com

Memorial United Methodist Church 250 Bryant Avenue, White Plains, NY 10605

Doors open at 6:30pm, open seating. Walkabout Chorus "Teachabout" at 6:45pm Featured performance at 7:30pm.

Tickets: In advance: \$18.00 - At the door: \$23.00.

Current Calendar

Executive Committee meeting, Tues. March 25th 7:00pm., at the Clubhouse

Beacon Sloop Club meeting every 1st Friday of the month: next meeting April 4th– potluck 6:30 p.m., general meeting 7:30 p.m.

Farmers Market every Sunday, 10-3 p.m., At the Long Dock Park, Beacon NY

PLANET BLUE WITH CHRIS RUHE on radio station WVKR 91.3 FM, Every Mon., 5 to 6 p.m.

Clearwater Open Boat Volunteer Workshop: Arts, Literature, and Boat Craftsmanship Saturday, Mar. 15, 4:00-8:00 PM Home Port & Education Center, 50 Rondout Landing, Kingston, NY

Peace Pole Re-dedication to Pete Seeger, Sat. Mar. 15, noon, at the foot of Broadway, Newburgh, NY

Winter Lecture Series – Sustainable Agriculturew/ Erik Andrus(Vermont Sail Freight) & Keith Stewart (Organic Farmer and Author), Thurs. Mar. 20, 7:00 pm, at the BSC Clubhouse

Birds of Dennings Point with Eric Lind, Sat. Apr. 12, 8 a.m., CEIE at Denning's Point, 199 Denning's Avenue, Beacon, NY 12508, Pre-register at www.bire.org/events

Walkabout Clearwater Coffeehouse- Seamus Kennedy, Sat. Apr, 12, 7:30pm, Memorial United Methodist Church, 250 Bryant Ave., White Plains, NY

The Symbolic Nature of Art, Science and the Environment, Thurs. Apr. 17, CEIE at Denning's Point, 199 Denning's Avenue, Beacon, NY 12508, Pre-register at www.bire.org/events

Herbalist Walk with Sarah Elisabeth, Sat., Apr. 26, 10 a.m., Denning's Point, 199 Denning's Avenue, Beacon, NY 12508, Pre-register at www.bire.org/events



Winter Maintenance on the Woody Guthrie, contact a captain

Hold the Date Upcoming Events with Details to Come

Earth Day Events April 20-22

Cajun Dance and Fundraiser May 31st

Strawberry Festival June 15th

Corn Festival August 10th

Pumpkin Festival October 12th

Membership Reminder

For most people membership renewals are due in January. This is a very critical year for the Beacon Sloop Club. With the planned work on the Woody, ongoing discussions over parking and festivals, and key environmental issues such as fracking coming to a head it's important that you renew, participate, and be counted. As always it's not about the money, arrangements can be made for financial hardship. Our strength is in our membership.

Contact: Vane Lashua, or Sarah Elisabeth

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