

Ulster Publishing's

Hudson Valley Living

Fall Home Improvement 2021



One Hot Summer Sale!

Take 25% Off all Trees and Shrubs

This sale applies to retail sales only. New arrivals not included.



AUGUSTINE NURSERY

CREATING LANDSCAPES OF DISTINCTION

SINCE
1974

9W & Van Kleecks Lane, Kingston (845) 338-4936 AugustineNursery.com

FULL-SERVICE NURSERY • CUSTOM LANDSCAPE DESIGN & INSTALLATION • STONE YARD & HARDSCAPING • WATER FEATURES • IRRIGATION • LIGHTING • RETAIL SHOP & MORE

Quality gets noticed.



\$7 OFF*

ANY REGAL® SELECT OR BEN®
INTERIOR PAINT

*Limit one per customer. Products may vary from store to store. Subject to availability. Retailer reserves the right to cancel this offer at any time without notice. Cannot be combined with any other offers. Expires 09/30/2021.

available at:



151 Plaza Road • Kingston, NY 12401
(845) 338-6300 • www.Herzogs.com

The tub gets its own room

How I learned to like our bathroom

by Susan Barnett

I HATED OUR MAIN bathroom on sight. We bought an old farmhouse in Delaware County three years ago, and there are a lot of things about it I love. It's one of the prettiest little farmhouses I've ever seen. There are roses everywhere. Three massive maples stand in front like friendly sentinels. The views are long, and pretty much exclude other houses.

But inside? Oy.

The whole house was “updated” in the Sixties, and that means dropped ceilings, paneling, wall-to-wall carpeting, and boxed-in fluorescent lights. But the biggest abomination, in my opinion, was the main bathroom.

Like most old houses, the bathroom was probably created out of what was a closet. A wall was moved to make it a little bigger, creating a weird jog in the upstairs hall to access the bathroom and the nearby bedroom.

And from there it just got worse. They removed the stairs to the attic, which went into that former closet. They installed pull-down steps over the main stairs, ensuring that the local paper will someday print “Local Woman Dies In Christmas-Decoration-Related Fall.”

They put in one small window on the north side of the house. To call the light “anemic” is overstating the case.

They added a half-wall that split the newly created little bathroom in half, and put the tub on the dark side.

And then they put in the tub. The plastic, avocado-green tub.

I hated that bathroom. I hated the narrow closet they created on one side of the stupid tub. Its only function was to show you where the pipes had frozen on the coldest day. I hated the exposed



PHOTOS BY SUSAN BARNETT

The author's bathroom, mid-renovation.

insulation and mouse poop in there. I hated that stupid half-wall that made the tub side of the room as dark as a root cellar. I hated the cabinet they made where the stairs used to be. It had nothing but a big hamper in the bottom that we never, ever used.

But most of all, I hated that tub.

I'M NOT HARD TO PLEASE. GIVE ME A light, airy room and an old clawfoot tub and I'm a happy camper.

So this year, as a gift to myself for surviving 2020, I tackled the bathroom.

Not surprisingly, it fought back.

I salvaged a pedestal sink from the side of the road. I found a small clawfoot tub for sale behind a house in the village. I found a stall shower that looked like an industrial phone booth. It looked like it belonged in Paris, somehow, and I wanted it desperately. But I didn't buy it, and it turns out that was a good thing.

My daughter-in-law is an interior designer. She gave me great ideas for how everything might fit. But the dimensions of the room are so weird, so off, that everything felt crowded no matter how



Homegrown produce fresh
picked everyday featuring:
Sweet Corn, Tomatoes,
and local Apples

Garden Mums, Asters
and fall plants.
It's time to plant
your bulbs for spring!
We have what you need.

Join Us for Fall Fun in
October: Pick Your Own
Pumpkins and Corn Maze!

Apple Cider Donuts
Fall/Halloween
decorations and gifts

Open 7 days 9 - 6:30

Rte. 299 west, New Paltz 255-8050

FARM MARKET

WOODSTOCK

PLUMBING, HEATING, AIR CONDITIONING, LLC

(845) 663-2274 WOODSTOCKHVAC.COM



**We Have a Complete Line of Rental Equipment and
Accessories for the Contractor and Home Owner**



Bobcat Mini



Lift



Backhoe



Excavator

Construction • Lawn & Garden • Floor Care
Ladders/Scaffold • Moving • Painting/Decorating

We also have everything you need for a great backyard party!
5752 Route 209, Kerhonkson, NY 12446 • (845) 626-4747



Soak in the healing power of nature. Escape the city and
enjoy life in a mountain oasis just two hours from New York City.
Create Your Own Getaway.

FOREST BATHING • HIKING • MEDITATION • SOUND BATHS
PRIVATE YOGA • BONFIRE • DEWA SPA • FARM TO TABLE MENU

WWW.MENLA.US | 845.688.6897

SPONSORED BY TIBET HOUSE US, THE DALAI LAMA'S TIBETAN CULTURAL CENTER IN AMERICA



The old bathroom, featuring avocado tub.

we rearranged things. And budgetary constraints meant the toilet had to stay where it was. The sink couldn't move far, either. Moving plumbing is expensive. Adding a window was out of the question. So was tile. This had to be fast to fit into the contractor's busy schedule. And it couldn't cost a fortune.

My dream bathroom simply wasn't going to happen in that space.

I spent hours online, talking it over with my partner, and we finally reached a less-than-satisfying decision. I ordered a shower kit that would fit the space occupied by the avocado tub, sadly gave up on my Parisian phone-booth shower, and regretfully told the clawfoot tub that it would be living in the garage for awhile longer.

Our local contractor finally showed up to start work three months later than expected. He's busy.

And then the real fun started.

He took out the half-wall and the tub. I clapped as they left.

He removed part of the wall shared with the adjoining bedroom and discovered that the wall created when the bathroom was expanded is held up not with wall joists but with chain. Lots of heavy chain. Some genius had decided that rather than build a proper supporting wall it would be a good idea to run six lengths of chain from the floor to the attic.

"I've never seen that before," he said.

I've since been told by a licensed home inspector that that is a very bad idea, as

it puts extra strain on the roof. But that's a project for another day.

Then he started putting everything back together. He sheetrocked the walls. It was a raw space, but it was easier to envision what was coming, and it was a definitely improvement. We were ready to preview the floor. He put down a piece of the waterproof "wood" floor I'd bought. He put the pedestal sink against the wall. We all stood back and looked.

"I hate it," I said, looking at the floor.

"Yeah, it looks cheap," my partner agreed.

So I hauled six boxes of flooring back to our big-box store and exchanged it for hardwood.

The wainscoting went up, and my plans to paint it suddenly seemed like a mistake. Once wood is painted, it's forever. So I got some stain and got to work. My job was to stain and paint over the weekend so the floor could go down Monday.

On Monday, we were ready. I'd chosen a dark stain, thinking it would be a great contrast with the light walls.

"It looks like a saloon," partner opined after considering for a few minutes.

"He's right," contractor agreed. Then he laughed.

I COULDN'T SHAKE THE SALOON PICTURE. The stain had to go. So after a long weekend of staining and poly, I got out a piece of sandpaper, roughed it all up, carefully covered the new

floor, and primed, painted, and painted again.

I went with bread dough white on the wainscoting, and a pale gray that almost looked blue on the walls. It tied in to the light gray shower surround. It looked good with the white sink. It was bright. It was clean. I liked it! Hallelujah.

Meanwhile, our contractor's usual partner wasn't available to provide an extra pair of hands, so his wife stepped in to help him. She climbed up and down the stairs as her husband barked instructions, and her usual sunny smile

Hudson Valley Living

Fall Home Improvement

EDITOR & PUBLISHER: Geddy Sveikauskas

ADVERTISING DIRECTOR: Genia Wickwire

ADVERTISING: Lynn Coraza, Pam Courselle,
Elizabeth Jackson, Angela Lattrell,
Tobi Watson, Jenny Bella

PRODUCTION MANAGER: Joe Morgan

PRODUCTION: Diane Congello-Brandes,
Josh Gilligan

CIRCULATION: Dominic Labate

www.hudsonvalleyone.com

Ulster Publishing (est. 1972) is a Hudson Valley media company with its office at 322 Wall Street in Kingston. For more info on upcoming special sections, including how to place an ad, call (845) 334-8200, fax (845) 334-8202 or e-mail info@hudsonvalleyone.com.



JEFF COLLINS STONE SUPPLY

YOUR #1 SUPPLIER FOR NATURAL STONE

For Walls, Walkways and Patios • Treads, Hearths and Veneers

Bluestone • Fieldstone • Waterfall • Belgum Block

Garden Soils • Mulches • Crushed Stone & More

ORGANIC GARDEN SOIL, COMPOST AND MULCHES

PICK UP OR DELIVERY AVAILABLE

Great Prices... Great Quality

20 YEARS AND STILL ROCKIN'

29 Riseley Rd, Mt Tremper, NY

845-688-7423

jeffcollinsstonesupply.com

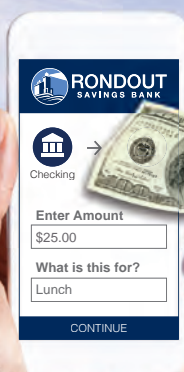


Everyone
Likes To
\$PIN



Pay a friend back instantly, from anywhere

Use Rondout Savings Bank's **SPIN** mobile banking service to send money instantly from your checking account to a friend's **bank debit card**.



**Quick
& Easy**



**Money Sent In
Real-Time**



**Safe &
Secure**

Learn More at RondoutBank.com



**RONDOUT
SAVINGS BANK**

always working for you and our community

Kingston • West Hurley • Hyde Park

(845) 331-0073 • www.RondoutBank.com

You must have a checking or savings account with Rondout Savings Bank to use SPIN. Transfers of funds can only be sent to accounts opened and located in the US. International transfers of funds cannot be conducted through SPIN.





The finished product.

soon faded.

"I may kill him," she panted.

The work continued, and so many things turned out to be, um, not as expected.

The shower floor isn't supported thoroughly, so it wobbles a bit. The house is so crooked that the floor by the bathroom door is a full two inches higher than the far corner of the room. Despite leaving insulation in plain sight, we're pretty sure there's no insulation behind the shower wall, meaning that we're going to be cold this winter.

The plumbing for the sink was so odd-

looking that I sent a picture to our friend, our favorite Kingston plumber, just to ask for advice. It offended his sensibilities. He drove two hours to get here, and he redid it.

IT'S DONE. THE MIRRORS ARE UP, lots of them, which makes the most of that one, sad window. The towel hooks are in place, and except for some lingering complaints about our water pressure and two different shower heads we have an updated bathroom. I like it. Mostly.

The tub is still in the garage, and we're

making plans to create a spot for it in a window in the adjoining room. It means taking down a wall between bedrooms, creating a dressing room. There's just no way to expand the bathroom without creating something even weirder than what's already there, so the bathroom is what it is. The tub gets its own room.

The house wins. We are learning to work within its limitations.

Ever since that tub showed up, all we want is a bath. I've never wanted a bath so badly in my life.

Home improvement is such a good time, right?

Landscaping, Maintenance, Snow Plowing

Call today for a free quote
(845) 532-9705

J. Franco
Landscaping

★ **Gary Buckendorf** ★

NEED INTERIOR OR EXTERIOR PAINTING?

I want to keep Social Distance
I WORK ALONE

Many references in
Catskill area and Manhattan
garybuckendorf@gmail.com
917-593-5069

★

Captain Spotless

845-372-5650
www.captainspotless.com

- Window Cleaning
- Power Washing
- Gutter Cleaning
- Soft Roof Wash

 **BLUE SWAN**
Painting and Design

Specializing in:
Color Consultancy
Excellent Plastering and Prep-work
Painted Finishes and Mural Work
Wallpapering

*Fine Interior Painting
Serving The Catskills Area*

blueswanpainters.com
718.532.6234

C2G offers Custom Oil Tank Packages Available with up to 30 Year Warranties!

IS IT TIME TO REPLACE YOUR OIL TANK?

"50% of bare steel tanks will develop leaks within 15 years."
-The American Petroleum Institute.

We Also Offer:
Oil Tank Locating (GPR), Soil/Water Testing, Aerial Drone Photography & Film, and More!

Call or Visit us online for a FREE Price Quote!
845-255-4900 | WWW.C2G.US



 **suncommon®**

Custom Designs, Powerful Products, Locally Built.

SunCommon believes that everyone has the right to a brighter future — and going solar is where it starts! By choosing SunCommon solar for your home or business, you're getting a custom installation that fits your needs, quality products that withstand the test of time, and a local team committed to giving you a great experience.

Ready to start making your green dreams a reality? Contact SunCommon today at suncommon.com/hvliving

solar@suncommon.com **(845) 516-7014**

 **NYCERDA**
Quality Solar Installer
2015-2021

Certified

Corporation



A doorway to feelings

There's a psychology to color, the experts say

by Genia Wickwire

MY FIRST APARTMENT in the Rondout neighborhood in Kingston was in one of those great old historic buildings with a lot of character and a lot of quirks. If I stood in the highest corner of our apartment and my boyfriend stood in the lowest, we'd both seem the same height. I'm 5'2" and he is 5'9". Beautiful old windows overlooked the water and let in lots of light. It was bright and sunny with white walls and a tan carpet. For us, it seemed a giant blank canvas. We decided it needed to be painted.

We picked bright colors and dabbled with different designs. In the end, we thought it looked quite bohemian.

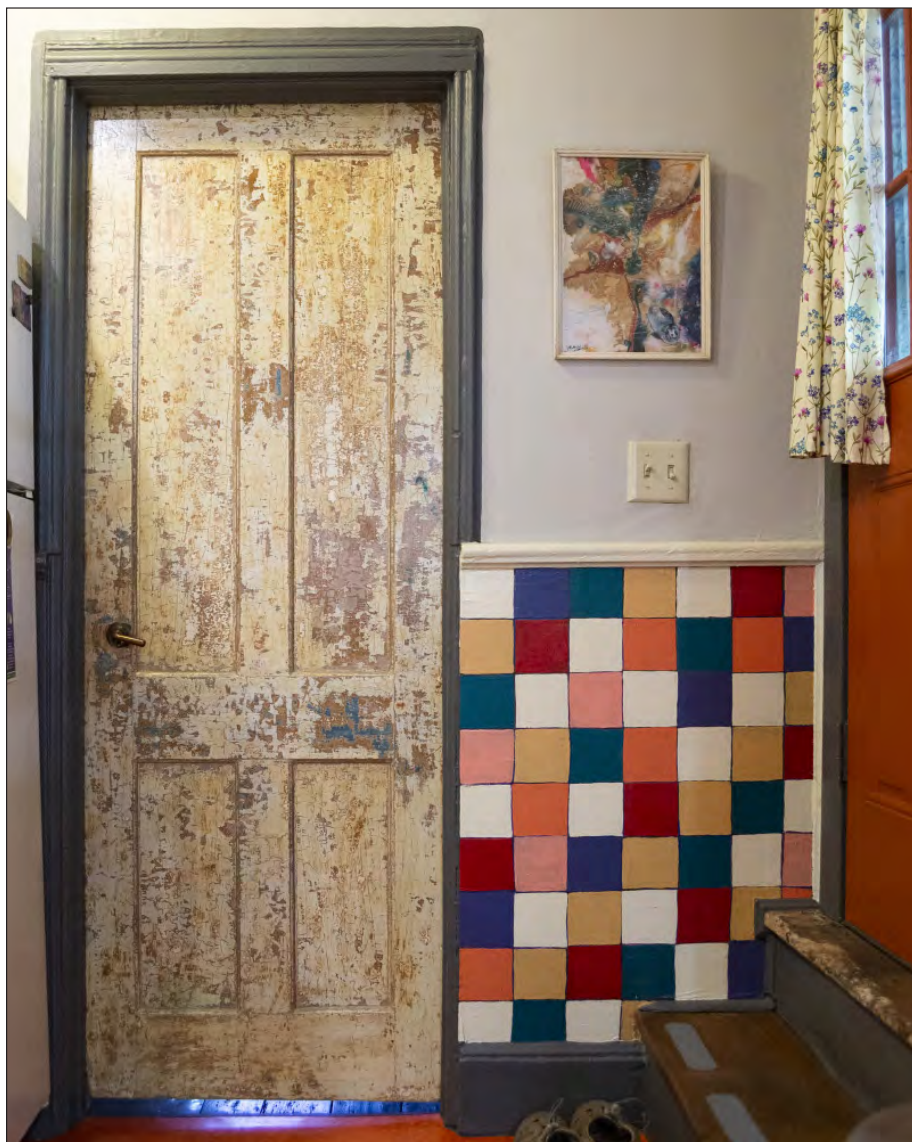
During our first venture into the world of paints we took missteps and changed our minds quite a few times. For example, we painted our bedroom red. I love red. To this day if I wear a color other than black, it is most likely red. I own a bright red Volvo. If I wear lipstick I always choose red. It feels so vibrant and warm.

We discovered, however, that red in a bedroom was not restful. We thought it made us feel tense and a bit angry. So we repainted the room a light green. We felt that we slept much better.

Painting was fun and affordable. We were game for experimentation. We learned a lot in that first apartment, and we continue to love bright colorful homes. We drive admiringly through Tannersville's multi-colored Main Street. On back roads we are drawn to the houses that chose purple for their exterior. In a world of color, why are there so many white houses?

So many colors, so many combinations. The hardest part is deciding which ones to use.

Not everyone finds the process enjoyable. Instead of finding color fun and adventurous, they find it stressful and tedious. I know people who have hemmed



and hawed, debated and struggled over which color to paint their homes. More often than not, in the end they have painted their homes white. Again. It wasn't that they wanted white. It was just where they landed when they couldn't decide on anything else.

SANGI VAN DE NOUWELAND SAID that "color is a language some do not speak." A broker at Coldwell Banker Village Green, Sangi was a professional painter and color consultant

for 35 years. Color speaks to her. She speaks its language fluently. For her, color is something that "can make a home sing."

She spoke of using colors that work with the home.

"Contemporary houses might suggest the use of bright colors, whereas a traditional home might need something more subdued, with bright accent pieces," she said. "Low ceilings might need a color that lifts the space. If a home has decorative trim, you need a color that em-

OUR FIRST TIME HOME BUYER PROGRAM CAN HELP YOU

Dream Bigger!

100% FIXED RATE FINANCING
FOR LOANS UP TO \$300,000*!
Plus No Private Mortgage Insurance (PMI)

- ✓ Competitive Rates
- ✓ Low Closing Costs
- ✓ Superior Customer Service

- ✓ Get Pre-approved Online in Minutes!
- ✓ Decisions Made Right Here in the Hudson Valley



Stop dreaming and let Mortgage Specialist, **Patti Riozzi, NMLS# 649009** make owning a home come true!

845-217-6070 | sawyersavings.bank/dream-bigger
87 MARKET STREET, SAUGERTIES, NEW YORK 12477

*Certain restrictions apply. Must meet qualification guidelines.



BELLUCK & FOX L.L.P.

877-NYLAW09 (695-2909)
Albany | Manhattan | Rochester | Woodstock
hudsonvalleypersonalinjuryattorney.com

Clients First.

If you have been diagnosed with *mesothelioma* or *lung cancer*, contact the lawyers at Belluck & Fox, LLP. Our skilled attorneys have decades of experience in getting justice for hardworking people who were exposed to asbestos.

We will meet with you for free in your home or at our Woodstock office. You are guaranteed personalized representation from local lawyers with a national reputation.
Reach out for your free consultation today.

32m
Construction worker who was exposed to asbestos

22m
Navy veteran exposed to asbestos while working as a boiler tender

19.5m
Construction worker who used joint compound with asbestos

16m
Navy veteran with mesothelioma

Left to Right: Joseph Belluck, Jordan Fox, Kristina Georgiou

phasizes that. Each space will have certain things to emphasize and certain things you might want to hide. A house asks for certain things. The right color can elevate a home to another level.”

What if you don’t speak the lingo? What if you can’t look at a room and see what it is asking for?

“Some people know they are not a blue or not a green person,” Sangi said, “so right from the start you learn not to look at those colors.”

She suggested putting swatches on the wall. If those colors work with the light and with the shape of the home, she suggested moving on to getting samples to paint small parts of the wall before committing to painting the entire room.

Joan Ffolliott agrees. The process begins with figuring out what colors don’t work and taking them out of the equation. Joan is an interior designer and color specialist with a graduate degree and interior design certification from the Rhode Island School of Design. A friend was in need of a color expert. It became her area of competence. She has been working as a color specialist in one way or another ever since.

When talking to clients, Joan asks them what they want to achieve in the space. What kind of feeling do they hope to promote? Do they want a place with lots of energy or a place that is calm?

“There is a psychology to color,” she said. “Colors elicit feelings. It is often common sense as to which colors are attached to which emotions.”

People don’t often step back and think about what feelings they are trying to achieve within a space. “It is a bit like therapy,” Joan explained. “Talking to people about how things make you feel

and trying to figure out where they want to be at the end. Interiors say something about us, and it is my job to help my clients express themselves within that space.”

I REMEMBER MOVING OUT OF THAT apartment in the Rondout as much as I remember moving in. In order to get our security deposit back, we had to repaint everything white again. I remember the feeling of deleting eve-

rything we had created in that space. It was maybe in that moment of removing my colors and my decoration from the apartment that I really felt how much paint and color add to a place.

All of the emotion and feeling and love was moving out with us. We were leaving a blank canvas for the next residents.

If I know anything, it’s that I’ll never want to repaint my bright red Volvo a light green.



C & C Tool Rental

2296 Route 9W, Lake Katrine NY 12449
845-336-2600

NOW Renting Dumpsters!
Construction, Remodeling & Fall Cleaning!

**SALES & SERVICE OPEN:
 MON. - FRI. 8AM TO 5PM**

Rent the Tools the PROS Use

- Lawn Aerator
- Sod Cutter
- Lawn Dethatcher
- Garden Tillers
- Stump Grinders



Sunflower
 MARKET

75 MILL HILL RD.
 WOODSTOCK, NY, 12498
 (845) - 679 - 5361

24 GARDEN ST.
 RHINEBECK, NY, 12572
 (845) - 876 - 2555

WWW.SUNFLOWERNATURAL.COM

Sunflower
 MARKET



**24% OFF ALL HEAD & HEAL
 CBD / CBG PRODUCTS**

Sale Ends 4/30/21



Wood stock is returning to Woodstock

What's this got to do with the price of wood in China?

By Rokosz Most

AT THE BEGINNING of the coronavirus pandemic back in April 2020, William Martin, a sound

technician in Newburgh, found himself with a lot of time on his hands.

“Like many others, I guess, I was shut out of the workplace,” he said. “I didn’t know what was happening. So I stocked up on groceries, hunkered down on my

property, and kept busy.”

He wasn’t alone. Numbers released by the Congressional Research Service for April 2020 showed the unemployment rate in America had soared to the highest number ever recorded since data collection began, 49 million unemployed Americans.

There were many William Martins.

The story of lumber’s startling rise to a blazing-hot commodity begins just a month before. In March 2020 the price of lumber sank to a dismal \$231 per 1000 board feet while the pandemic captured national headlines. New-home construction abruptly fell off. Supply

Artistic Renovations

CHAIR CANING | KNIFE SHARPENING

Furniture repair and sales | Free estimates

hankmildew@gmail.com | 845-750-2298



BLOOM
LANDSCAPE DESIGN
AND FINE
GARDENING SERVICE
BLOOMFINEGARDENING.COM
845-255-2734

Fostering suburban ecology through online landscape design.



Aster Plans

Sustainable landscapes that inspire.



asterplans.com
[@asterplans](https://www.instagram.com/asterplans)



 **Paraco**
Fueling Your Every Day™

LOCK IN LOW RATES ON PROPANE

FOR BACKYARD AND MORE!

 844.472.5055  paracogas.com/hv

Go Titan
for All Your Water Needs

DON'T PUT UP WITH DIRTY, SMELLY WATER!
We will solve any /all of your water issues - from bacteria to clay and everything in between.

From well drilling to water testing, we meet every need.

TITAN
Drilling Corp.

Contact us for dependable drilling contractors who ensure your water systems are operating as they should.

1-800-GO-TITAN
1-845-586-4000

264 Co. Hwy. 38, Arkville, NY 12406 | www.titanwelldrillingny.com

   **Find us on Facebook**   

chains behaved uncertainly, as industry attempted and failed to forecast future demand.

For fear of contagion, sawmills were left idle, and the workers sent home. A surplus of lumber haunted the shelves of big-box construction supply stores across America, dragging the value of lumber underwater.

But then the price of lumber began its inexorable rise. By September 13 it had

more than quadrupled, up to \$971 per 1000 board feet. By May of this year it was at an unimaginable high of near \$1700 per 1000 board foot.

And so it was that many of those William Martins had started building.

Decks. Pergolas. Sheds. Additions. Renovations.

The neglected lumber flew off the shelves.

Eastern White Pine. Loblolly, Longleaf,

Shortleaf and Slash. Douglas fir.

These are the primary woods used in stick framing, a wood framing system that consists largely of two-by-fours, two-by-sixes, and two-by-eights. Walls, a ceiling, a floor and roof rafters can be framed out of a pile of such sticks.

The economics of lumber

For more than 30 years Chris Neher has been the buyer for the Woodstock Building Supply Company, a family-operated lumberyard that has done business in Woodstock since 1925. He described that heady June of a year ago.

"I had never seen anything like it," he said. "We had people lined up outside the gate. Socially distanced and all. And I didn't even know most of them. And we don't advertise."

The supply chain for lumber works like this. Lumberyards purchase their product through distributors who are in turn supplied by sawmills. The sawmills do their business buying the felled trees themselves and converting them into various grades of lumber. (A more romantic explanation can be demonstrated by watching the opening credits of any *Twin Peaks* episode.)

The abrupt turnaround in demand caught the supply chain flatfooted. The massive circular saws of the sawmills would have to be set spinning again, and for that they were sorely understaffed. The pandemic, then like now, had not gone away, and even if the workers could be recalled in numbers approaching pre-pandemic levels, how the business of manufacturing boards could be operated safely to avoid liability should the

antiques & auctions

THE APPRAISERS ROAD SHOW

**Coming to the
Woodstock Playhouse**

**Saturday, September 11th
9 am - 5 pm**

Robert Meringolo and the Appraisers Road Show is coming to the **Woodstock Playhouse** on **Saturday, September 11th** for an all day event.

Our experts will **appraise** and or **purchase** items in every category from **jewelry** to **paintings**, **military**, **coins**, **Tiffany** and all **antiques** and **collectibles**.

We also **broker**, **auction** and conduct **estate sales**. Home visits are free. **A small fee for the first 5 items goes entirely to the Woodstock Playhouse.** All additional items appraised at no charge.

For information or to schedule a home visit call Robert Meringolo 518 937 4976.

Support the Woodstock Playhouse. We know you will!
We all Love the Woodstock Playhouse!

Hoffman's Barn



Antiques ~ Collectibles
1000s of Items



Hours: Fri. & Sat: 9 - 5:30, Sun. 10 - 5
or call for an appointment

www.hoffmansbarn.com
email: hoffmansbarnsale@yahoo.com

Buy & Sell (845) 758-5668
19 Old Farm Road, Red Hook, NY 12571



virus spread among its workers posed a conundrum.

Beyond the basic economics of liability there still remained the science of producing lumber for construction purposes. The felled logs are first brought to the mill. Workers edge the wood to remove defects, trim the ends to square, and cut them to uniform lengths. Those are the standard cuts of lumber with which most of us are familiar.

After all that, there still remains a period of drying. Green wood is full of water. It takes 45 to 60 days to air-dry wood for use in building applications. Some forward-thinking operations dry the wood in a kiln, and the wood is stamped in ink accordingly.

There's still the shipping. Trains. Boats. Big rigs. Competition for available shipping containers becomes an issue.

At each point along this supply chain, bottlenecks start to crop up. And prices rise accordingly.

By August 2020 demand outpaced supply.

A whipsaw year

"I had injured my back and went in for

surgery in May," Scott Wannamaker, who works at the order counter of the Woodstock Lumberyard told me. "I was out recuperating for three months. I came back in August. And the entire parking lot was empty! No people. No wood. I was like, Do I still have a job? I thought they were shutting down!"

They weren't.

"The pipeline was cleaned out pretty quickly," Neher explained. "The first bellwether, of where we were going, was that the price of pressure treated wood had spiked. Then it evolved to other products like plywood. Subflooring rose to over a hundred dollars a sheet!"

Country and formal furniture, paintings, and accessories.

JENKINSTOWN ANTIQUES

520 Route 32 South, New Paltz, NY 12561
845-255-4876 Shop 845-389-5379 Cell

JenkinstownAntiques.com info@JenkinstownAntiques.com

Four miles south of New Paltz on Route 32, just past Locust Lawn Museum

Barn Star's Fall Antiques at Rhinebeck

Columbus Day Weekend October 9th & 10th, 2021



SATURDAY 10AM-5PM
SUNDAY 11AM-4PM

ADMISSION: \$12 *Good for the entire weekend!*

Over 125 exceptional exhibitors in three buildings ready for you to explore and enjoy. From 18th century to mid century modern, Rhinebeck has it all! Full exhibitor list on our website.

FREE PARKING • FOOD TRUCK • MASKS OPTIONAL • HANDICAP FRIENDLY • HAND SANITIZER PROVIDED • SORRY, NO PETS

PURCHASE TICKETS IN ADVANCE AT **WWW.BARNSTAR.COM**
TICKETS ALSO AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR

DUTCHESS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS 6550 Spring Brook Ave (Route 9) Rhinebeck, NY 12572
(Entrance to show on Mulberry St) **barnstar.com • (914) 474-8552**

A bellwether, by the way, is a castrated sheep around whose neck a bell is hung. That sheep leads all the other sheep in the flock.

"The trajectory was up for a year," Neher continued, "with no corrections. Then a hard fall. First, framing lumber came down. Then, plywood. But it's hard. Even the suppliers can't see the big picture."

Those astronomical prices had caused demand to crater, at least among the amateurs. Inventory was once again piling up as people put aside projects in order to wait until prices were more come down.

After a whipsaw year spent chasing inventory, the market had cooled.

Evolve with us. Evolve as **One**.

Subscribe to
Hudson Valley One
today.



It has been said a billion times... 2020 was quite a year. With 48 years of publishing experience Ulster Publishing had to combine our 5 weekly town newspapers

Almanac Weekly, Kingston Times, New Paltz Times, Saugerties Times & Woodstock Times
into ONE region wide newspaper overnight.



Like every business that reinvented itself during this pandemic there are good things and bad things that came out of this. We hope we can focus on the good: We are still producing 100% local content about the people and places we love throughout the Hudson Valley. We are keeping people informed about the ever changing landscape of Covid-19 on a local level. You can now read about your neighbors as well as your neighboring communities all in ONE place.

Our plans for more change continues to evolve... everyday, all the time. We are happy and delighted to say we are going to increase our coverage over the next couple of months. We will bring you even more local news and events happening in the Hudson Valley for 2021.

Evolve with us by subscribing either in print, online or both.

Your subscription includes weekly newspapers and monthly magazines/special sections.

Hudson Valley **One**

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

EMAIL: _____ PHONE: _____

\$45 print, \$40 online, \$60 for both.
(Seniors aged 65 and over
take \$5 discount off of above pricing.)

Send to: Hudson Valley One,
PO Box 3329, Kingston, NY 12402.
Go online at: hudsonvalleyone.com/subscribe
or call (845) 334-8200.



ROKOSZ MOST

Scott Wannamaker and friend. The price of wood is deer.

In June of 2021, Federal Reserve chairman Jerome Powell chimed in. "The thought is that prices like that, that have moved up really quickly because of shortages and bottlenecks and the like, they should stop going up," said Powell. "And at some point, they, in some cases, should actually go down. And we did see that in the case of lumber."

But what does this have to do with the price of wood in China?

The U.S. sells and ships timber to China because the cost of labor is so much cheaper there. China then exports finished wood products right back. A neat workaround for avoiding paying American workers a living wage.

Furniture made cheaper. A desk is still

a desk, after all.

The United States is the largest wood harvester of them all, followed by Russia.

As prices begin to stabilize, the professional carpenters are breathing more easily. They're telling jokes.

Big-box banter

Just below the stairs, outside the Woodstock Lumberyard order office, they rag on the big-box stores. Stephen Johnson, owner of NorthernLight Sauna, comments upon the big-box wood business:

"Sure. If you want to build a crooked house!"

No malice is intended. It's just relaxed bantering.

When the rush of contractors subsides, Scott Wannamaker walks across the gravel pathway. A doe with large black eyes and vigilant ears waits for him. They know each other.

"There's another one now," Wannamaker says. "She'll come right into the shop looking for treats. She walks right in like she owns the place when she hears me shaking the treats."

Nature and business go hand in hand in Woodstock.

Lumber accounts for about one percent of the total global GDP. That's about 600 billion dollars.




We're not just another Fuel Company! We treat you like family!

24 Hour Service  **Prompt Delivery**

Home Heating Oil • Kerosene
On and Off Road Diesel

845.338.9800
Order Online: www.AFCOfuel.com



**LANDSCAPE ART
& EXCAVATION**
845-544-5308

ANDREW WILLIAMS
OWNER/OPERATOR
845-544-5308

FENCES. DRIVEWAYS, HIGH END GARDENS, WATERFALLS
IF YOU DREAM IT, I WILL WORK WITH YOU TO BUILD IT



FREE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENT

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24TH from 8am-12pm

Registration is required!

Schedule an appointment at www.ucrra.org/waste-recycling/hazardous/hhw-events/ or call (845) 336-0600 for more information.

This event is open to Ulster County households only! Hazardous waste from businesses, schools or other organizations will not be accepted. Residents are limited to 220 pounds or 25 gallon equivalent. **Appointments are limited!**

ACCEPTED ITEMS:

- ✓ Aerosols/Spray Cans
- ✓ Adhesives/Glues/Sealants
- ✓ Automotive Fluids (NO MOTOR OIL)
- ✓ Fluorescent Bulbs (CFLs, UV, tubes, spirals, etc.)
- ✓ Home Cleaning Chemicals
- ✓ Lawn & Garden Chemicals
- ✓ Mercury thermostats/thermometers
- ✓ Oil-based Paints, Stains, Varnishes (NO LATEX PAINT ACCEPTED)
- ✓ Poisons, Insecticides, etc.
- ✓ Swimming pool chemicals
- ✓ Waste Fuels (kerosene, gasoline, propane tanks)

How do you know if something is hazardous waste? If the label reads
**WARNING / CAUTION / DANGER /
FLAMMABLE / POISON / TOXIC,**
it is hazardous waste.



No containers will be returned. Keep chemicals in the original container. For program rules please visit www.ucrra.org.



Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency



999 Flatbush Road Kingston NY (845) 336-0600 www.UCRRRA.org @UCRRRA

Bad reputation?

Brussels sprouts should not be spurned

by Lee Reich

JUST AS PEAS are the vegetable of spring and tomatoes are the vegetable of summer, so Brussels sprouts are the vegetable of fall. They need a long season to grow, starting life in early spring, growing through the summer, and then flourishing in cool weather, ideally with a few frosts. This seasonality brings out the best in them, flavor-wise.

I only recently began growing Brussels sprouts again, just for the challenge. I now allocate a lot of space and time in my garden for a vegetable I once spurned.

My previous efforts always resulted in marble-sized sprouts on four-foot-high plants that, in their youth, flopped to the ground. Only after the plants' supine stems have created a firm base do the rising stems curve more or less upward



PHOTOS BY LEE REICH

Did you know...?

You can view an entire list of everything and anything that is happening in the Hudson Valley on our website:

HudsonValleyOne.com/events

according to original plan. Its youthful extravagance wastes and muddies the lower most sprouts, with the sprawling plants demanding even more space -- a problem in my intensively planted garden.

Gardening books, even by gardeners in Britain, where Brussels sprouts are held in high esteem, were no help. I gleaned the directives from these books into what I call "The Four Myths of Growing Brussels Sprouts." I list them below to help you avoid them, followed in my discourse on "The True Method of Growing Brussels Sprouts" and, as a bonus, a short autobiographical account in "Why I Once Spurned Them").

MYTH NUMBER ONE OF GROWING Brussels sprouts posits that piling dirt up around the bases of the plants keeps them upright. If only this were true! Over a hundred years ago, the

PABLO SHINE Custom House Painting

Book your Interior
Painting job Now!

FREE
ESTIMATES

For more information and samples of my work visit:

 Pablo Shine House Painting

845-532-6587
pabloshine@gmail.com



THE ANTIQUE KNOT

An important source for tribal and village carpets and kilims

Your Catskill Mountain Connection
and a point of reference

Visit us at the old bank,

74 Main Street,
Stamford, NY 12167

theantiqueknot.com

Gabriel Frederick
347.361.4657 631.338.4996



Mother Earth's
STOREHOUSE
Natural Food & Vitamin Centers

GET INSPIRED
from the Hudson Valley's Premier Natural Food Grocer

100% certified organic produce, huge bulk department, vitamins & supplements, body care items and bakery.

Visit us online for a calendar of in-store events, delicious recipes and healthy living articles.

300 KINGS MALL COURT • KINGSTON • 335-5541 | 249 MAIN STREET • SAUGERTIES • 246-9614 | MOTHEREARTHSTOREHOUSE.COM

MAIN-Care
ENERGY

Now is the time to upgrade your
propane supplier

**Offering Capped Price Protection
& Free Propane Tank Swap**

- Prepay/Budget Plans
- Expert Service
- Guaranteed Supply
- Open 24/7/365
- Reliable Delivery
- No Hidden Fees



Trusted Since 1930 100% Employee-Owned & Locally Operated

MainCareEnergy.com 1-800-590-5864

Main-Care Energy is embracing BioHeat!

Low-Carbon + Renewable + Sustainable

At **NO EXTRA COST** this cleaner-burning, home heating fuel reduces greenhouse gas emissions and is fully compatible with any existing heating oil system.



MainCareEnergy.com
1-800-590-5864

MAIN-Care
ENERGY

BIOHEAT.
THE EVOLUTION OF OILHEAT

For more information, additional resources can be found at:

MainCareEnergy.com/BioHeat/

Cozy Up With Kimlin



Propane & Heating Oil Delivery Services

NEW CUSTOMER DISCOUNT

\$125 off first delivery of heating oil or propane
EXISTING CUSTOMER DISCOUNT

Refer a heating customer and receive \$50 off your next fill!
Call to lock in low fuel prices now!

Family owned and operated, serving the entire Hudson Valley
for over 35 years.

845-255-7324 kimlinenergy.com

**ONLY
ONE
POOL
COVER
HAS
PASSED
THIS
SAFETY
TEST**



Schedule
your pool
closing
today!

Remember the name: LOOP-LOC!

Yes, that's a real African elephant, supported only by a LOOP-LOC safety pool cover! What may be most surprising is that this is a mesh cover that lets rain pass right through, so no dangerous standing water can form on top. Custom computer-designed for perfect fit. And it goes on and off in a snap! Don't forget, it has to say LOOP-LOC on the cover to be a genuine LOOP-LOC!



AQUA JET
Pools, Spas & Patio Furniture

**1606 Ulster Ave.
Lake Katrine, NY
845-336-8080
OPEN DAILY**

great French gardener Vilmorin-Andrieux wrote that there was no benefit in earthing up, so I have never tried it.

Myths Number Two and Three both force development of the sprouts, and are better grounded in plant physiology than are the other myths. Number Two advocates pinching out the tip of the stalk toward the end of the growing season. Myth Number Three suggests removing lower leaves as the sprouts begin to form.

These two directive stops flow of hormones that suppress bud development. On my plants at least, the sprouts, which

**Large, fat sprouts
already dress the
stalks from head
to toe. The plants
stand upright like
assembled soldiers
in their bed.**

are nothing more than compressed stems and leaves, take that freedom to heart and begin lengthen into shoots rather than fattening up.

The final myth, Myth Number Four, alleges that firming the soil when planting Brussels sprouts results in firmer sprouts. Here we have a case of misplaced cause and effect. I may as well (but do not) loosen the soil for loose-leaf lettuces.

THIS YEAR MY BRUSSELS SPROUTS look the best ever. Without any pinching, large, fat sprouts already dress the stalks from head to toe. The plants stand upright like assembled soldiers in their bed. Here's a non-myth, Number One of the True Method of Growing Brussels Sprouts: Stake Brussels sprouts in their youth and they will start and stay skyward. A three-foot-high metal stake next to each plant, with one loop of string to keep the stalk and the stake intimate, is all it takes.

Brussels sprouts are heavy feeder, particularly hungry for nitrogen. All my garden's fertility comes from plenty of

homemade compost. Each year I blanket all the beds in my vegetable garden with at least a one-inch-deep blanket of the stuff, which by my calculations should be enough to nourish intensively planted vegetables for a whole season.

Except, perhaps, Brussels sprouts.

Making sure the plants are well-fed is Number Two of the True Method of Growing Brussels Sprouts. Just for insurance, I sprinkle soybean meal, an organic, high-nitrogen fertilizer, in the Brussels-sprout bed. Soybean meal's usual role in agriculture is an animal feed. I buy it at a feed store.

As an organic fertilizer, the nitrogen in soybean meal is slowly released via microbial action all season long into the soil in a form the plants can use. Warmth and moisture increase microbial activity, which works out well because it also increases plant growth. About two pounds of soybean meal per hundred square feet of area does the trick. Over the years I've received recommendations for a number of varieties to grow. Gustus, Hestia, and Prince Marvel are some that come to mind. They've all been duds for me.

This year I planted the almost hundred-year-old variety Catskill, which seems appropriate in name at least for growing here in the Hudson Valley. So Number Three of the True Method of Growing Brussels Sprouts is to grow, not necessar-

Steve Heller's

FABULOUS FURNITURE

We look forward to seeing you. Let's keep our Fabulous artist safe!

FRIDAY-SUNDAY 2-5 PM

BY APPOINTMENT

845.750.2299 • 845.750.3035

3930 ROUTE 28 BOICEVILLE NY 12412 | fabfurn1@gmail.com

Mountain Tree Care

Preserving the beauty of Ulster County's trees since 1974

*From the Most Delicate Pruning to the Heaviest Removal,
We Do it All With Care and Precision*

- Pruning
- Feeding
- Spraying NYS LICENSE
- Trunk & Soil Injection
- Appraising, Consulting
- Storm Damage Repair
- Fully Insured
- Stump Grinding
- Cabling & Bracing
- Climbing & Bucket

845-255-8741

Dwight Meyer Bayne CERTIFIED ARBORIST

mountaintreecare.net

DARMSTADT
OVERHEAD DOORS, INC.

SALES • SERVICE • INSTALLATION



**SPECIALIZING IN
QUALITY DOORS**

168 Cornell Street • Kingston, NY 12401

**Serving the Hudson, Delaware
& Susquehanna Valleys Since 1974**

KINGSTON
(845) 331-0191

RED HOOK
(845) 758-0444

CATSKILL
(518) 943-2869

PEARL

**live music
summer '21**

- 8-13 SABRINA & SASA *
- 8-14 DAN ZLOTNICK BAND *
- 8-15 BENNETT HARRIS *
- 8-19 DAVE KEARNEY *
- 8-21 TELLEVANGELINE DRAG SHOW *
- 8-22 PETER EINHORN *
- 8-26 STUART KABAK &
LYDIA ADAMS DAVIS *

- 8-27 SOMETIMES SINNERS *
- 8-28 CLOUDBURST *
- 8-29 PETER EINHORN *
- 9-2 JOHN BURDICK *
- 9-4 TRAILER SWIFT *
- 9-5 EMILY BECK *
- 9-10 TODD ADELMAN *
- 9-11 ABRAHAM & THE GROOVE *
- 9-12 THE CUPCAKES *

* 11AM-2PM * 6-8PM * 9-11PM * 9PM-12AM

MOON
pearlmoonwoodstock.com

real estate



The Real Estate Matchmaker!

Hello Dolly!
Real Estate

Residential & Commercial

Whether you're buying your first condo or selling your third home, Hello Dolly Real Estate will provide one cohesive team to offer you a seamless experience so you can achieve your real estate goals. We offer a wide range of professional services, and our agents will work with you to find the best investments.

Dolly@HelloDollyRealEstate.com • www.HelloDollyRealEstate.com

81 Vineyard Ave
Highland, NY 12528

Bus: 845-691-2126
Cell: 845-389-0398

Toni Hokanson Agency

845-256-5045

Home
Auto
Commercial Auto
Business
Boat / RV
Student Housing
Rental Homes

One Stop For All Your
Insurance Needs!



ily Catskill, but a variety that after some trial and error does well in your garden.

Brussels sprouts, like cabbage, kale, cauliflower, and other kin, are attacked by various species of "cabbageworms" (as they're called, but they really are caterpillars). The caterpillars, hatched from eggs of those cheery white moths that flutter among the plants on sunny days, riddle the leaves with holes and leave behind their dark green frass. Number Four of the True Method of Growing Brussels Sprouts consists of controlling the cabbage caterpillars.

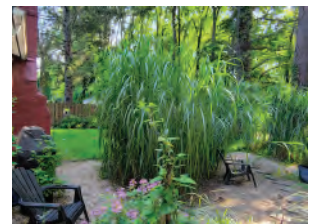
Search-and-destroy is one method. Crush any cabbage caterpillar you find *in situ*, or flick it into a jar of soapy water to drown.

An organicspray is easier. Very effective yet nontoxic to most creatures (including you and me) is a spray of *Bacillus thuringiensis*, a naturally-occurring bacterium extracted from the soil. This material is more easily remembered under the name B.t., packaged up under such commercial names as Thuricide, Dipel, and Monterey B.t.



**Help keep
local journalism
strong**

If you find what we're doing valuable, consider making contribution. Your support ensures independent local journalism will thrive in the Hudson Valley for years to come. More: hudsonvalleyone.com/support.



FOR SALE BY OWNER | 3 BEDROOM, 1 BATH HOME

Fireplace, enclosed patio, walk-in closet, laundry room with washer/dryer, dishwasher too. All wooden floors and kitchen cabinets.

One family ranch home on a **private road**
in the heart of town in Woodstock, NY.

\$400,000

10 Wolden Lane, Woodstock NY
(walking distance to center of town)

718.755.4947 bbalsamello@aol.com



The dreaded cabbage worm.

AND NOW TO DISCUSS BRIEFLY MY past aversion to Brussels sprouts. Here is a vegetable that, in my opin-

ion, can be quite delicious if properly prepared, and quite repulsive if not. In our household, when I was growing

up, Brussels sprouts were just boiled, the more the better. This method really came to the fore when I was at an agricultural conference in Scotland. Meals were served in a university cafeteria, and the cooks there really knew how to boil and boil again Brussels sprouts. Yuk!

A friend with a wry sense of humor called Brussels sprouts "little green balls of death." Maybe I misheard her, and she was just pointing out this vegetable tends to be cooked "boiled to death."

My sprout-growing and cooking has since improved. Soon I'll be enjoying this season's

first sprouts. Fresh Brussels sprouts last long into autumn, They'll be around for many weeks of fresh eating.

Search all the MLS properties in our region at www.WinMorrisonRealty.com

2 Woodstock Properties for Sale for the First Time in DECADES!

40 Mill Hill Road, Woodstock, NY
\$2,500,000



This listing includes 40 Mill Hill Road and 10 Deming Street behind it. 40 Mill Hill has 4 retail spaces including a successful Indian Restaurant. Upstairs includes 3 good size professional office spaces. The 10 Deming St. building consists of 2 active businesses on 2 floors, and a large private parking lot. Rare to find large parking areas in Woodstock. A total of 9 rental units, fully occupied. This Great opportunity to invest in this vibrant town.

The potential is endless! Total square footage of both buildings is 9,635. sq. ft. Heat and electric paid by tenants. Right now, this is the most important commercial property for sale at a great in town location. Walk to everything in this wonderful town. Restaurants, galleries, health food store, pharmacies, banks, hiking trails, music, unique retail shops, weekend flea market, NYC bus stop.

Unique 3 BR + Two Bath Country House! 5008 State Route 23, Windham, NY \$879,000



Nestled on a hillside overlooking the Windham Valley in the Catskill Mountains of New York. Built by owner 5 years ago, a gardener home surrounded by well-manicured perennials beds, rock walls, stone patios, and includes a small pond sitting on 2 acres. House boasts steel reinforced poured concrete construction with stone accents and additional 6 inches of close cell spray foam insulation

making the structure extremely durable and efficient. Radiant heat throughout the cement and wood floors, high quality argon gas filled double glazed windows, stone chimney, and wood stove. Several separate wood framed tool or storage sheds skillfully placed across small bridge against an expansive parcel of wilderness.

Two Lakes, Small Pond. A Fisherman's Dream!

264 Cypert Rd, Woodbourne, NY \$799,999



Luxurious Home and Equine Estate on 17 bucolic acres with a lovely small lake. The house is an exquisite blend of old and new. It was built in 1940 but the den, with hand hewn beams dates to 1872. Construction in 1980 added many modern amenities. The current owner in 1994 renovated to add all new floors, windows, doors and ceramic tile. In 2012 every bathroom was renovated as well as the gourmet kitchen with granite counters, center island/ breakfast bar, radiant heat and ceramic tile floors. Good size bedrooms with plenty of closet space and a laundry chute, provide a very comfortable feel to this sophisticated home. Hardwood floors, crown moldings, stylish open stairway and extensive oak trim dress out this cozy home.

Historical Farmhouse in the Hamlet of Barrytown!

1077 River Road, Red Hook, NY \$769,000

Find a slice of history in an 1860's era farmhouse with two original barns. Sporting authentic detailing throughout, part of this property was once used as a blacksmith's shop and local general store. All year views of the foothills of the Catskill Mountains can be enjoyed from the expansive front veranda which provides the perfect place to relax, entertain, read or to have morning coffee and enjoy nature at its best. Surrounded by rolling farmland and winding country roads, this



archetypal home features a large open-plan kitchen with built-in pantry and plenty of windows that let the outside in. The spacious upstairs bedrooms filter natural light through picture-frame windows. The organic beauty of real hardwood floors flows throughout. On the grounds one of the barns is currently used as roomy two-story artist's studio while the other conveniently and easily serves as a two-car garage.



DIY extermination

Worth a try, sometimes

by Violet Snow

I'M NOT SAYING it's for everyone, and I can't guarantee it'll work for you. I can just tell you what's worked for me.

I have a horror of what toxic chemicals do to groundwater, bees, birds, and planetary health. That said, I won't get judgy if you decide to go that route. You do what you gotta do. But if you want to try less toxic methods, here is my experience, which is limited to wasps, yellow jackets, ordinary ants, and carpenter ants.

In general, I'm pretty tolerant of insects. A paper wasp nest over my deck was cause for low-level anxiety but not alarm, and it hung there all last summer, wasps shuttling overhead, without a single sting. Wasps are pollinators, and some species prey on other insects.

When wasps were nesting behind the shutters a few years earlier, a handyman friend agreed to fix my sagging gutters --



but only if I got rid of the wasps. I found a recipe online for a natural insecticide

consisting of white vinegar, vodka, liquid soap, and tea tree oil, which I combined in a spray bottle. When the wasps were bedded down for the night, I went out and (after apologizing profusely to them) sprayed the concoction across and behind the shutters. I also poured the liquid down behind the shutters from the top.

The next day, a few individuals, presumably having spent the night out in the field, returned to the deck, crawled behind the shutters, and then emerged, looking confused. (I'm not sure what confusion looks like in a wasp, but the aimlessness of their bobbing flight might have represented disorientation.) They flew away, and the wasp situation was resolved. The gutters were fixed without incident.

The recipe came in handy again when I saw yellow jackets (the pretty black-and-yellow striped hornets that are said to be more aggressive than wasps) going in and out of a hole in my front lawn. They weren't disturbing us, but at the time we were renting our house out on weekends, and I felt we owed our guests a hornet-

WCW
KITCHENS
New Paltz | Woodstock

CABINETS
DESIGN
RENOVATION

New Paltz Showroom

3 Cherry Hill Rd., New Paltz, NY

845.255.2022

Woodstock Custom Woodworking

Woodstock Cabinet Shop

845.679.2002

WCWkitchens.com

free lawn, since they might walk across it and blunder over the nest.

I poured the solution down the hole one night. The next day, seeing no activity, I dug up the nest, and an overnight returner stung me. I repeated the treatment that evening, and the creatures were gone.

“Even pros make two or three visits, spaced several weeks apart, to complete an ant job.”

Three weeks ago, I was just finishing mowing the lawn when I ran the mower over a new yellow-jacket nest. Though I received four stings, they hadn't bothered me until I was physically threatening the nest. We no longer rent out our house, so I just put a circle of wire fencing around the hole to mark it. There have been no

High Falls Electric
INC.

ELECTRICAL CONTRACTING
LICENSED • INSURED

ROBERT HAMM
24 MOHONK ROAD
HIGH FALLS, NY 12440
845-687-7550



**DEVINE
INSURANCE**
SINCE 1978

**Business
& Personal**

DevineInsurance.com

(845) 255-7806

**58 N Chestnut St.,
New Paltz**



Custom Color
Cabinetry

KraftMaid
VANTAGE™

Available at

Catskill Mountain (845) 514 2486
KITCHEN & BATH INC.
1094 Morton Blvd. Kingston, NY 12401



Vanities

www.catskillmntkitchenandbath.com

Trade in any
stove for a \$1500
discount on a new
pellet stove
myserda
Energy. Innovation. Solutions.



Absolute 43

HARMAN™
BUILT TO A STANDARD, NOT A PRICE

Featuring Smart Operation Easy Touch
Controls — with scheduling, cleaning
prompts & gauges.

Visit www.harmanstoves.com or
Gem Woodstove Company for
CURRENT OFFERS!



Absolute 63

**FREE Cover with purchase
of Green Mountain Grill**



GREEN MOUNTAIN GRILLS
WOOD FIRED • PELLET GRILLS



Accentra 52i insert



GEM WOODSTOVE LLC

WOOD • PELLET & GAS STOVES • FIREPLACES • SUPPLIES & ACCESSORIES
7987 Rt. 32 North • Cairo NY 518-622-3862

Hours: Mon-Sat 9-5; Closed Sunday • www.gemstoveandfireplace.com

**Come see our new
displays of stoves,
inserts & fireplaces**

ROBERT BLOOMER

FREE ESTIMATE/FULLY INSURED



- TAKE DOWNS
- CHIPPING
- TOPPING
- CLEARING
- SCENIC VIEWS
- CABLING
- STORM DAMAGES

TREE REMOVAL & STUMP GRINDING LLC
“WE WILL NOT BE UNDER BID”

**We are also offering Asphalt Seal Coating
for Driveways and Parking Lots.**

845-679-7949

Serving the Hudson Valley

Cell: 914-388-0501

robert.bloomer@yahoo.com

further aggressions.

Spring often brings a trail of small ants into the kitchen. They are easily dealt. I place sprigs of fresh mint or tansy leaves from the garden, placed at strategic points along the ants' path. (Note: Tansy is not good for cats or small children.) Apparently, the strong odor of these plants confuses the ants' sense of smell, which pilots their peregrinations. The ants may crawl over the leaves at first, but by the end of the day they are always gone.

Carpenter ants are more alarming, as they chew tunnels in wood for nesting and can ultimately undermine the structure of a home. They are also more difficult



TLK_{LLC}

Portable Toilet Rentals



845-658-8766
845-417-6461
845-706-7197

TLKportables@gmail.com

TLKportables.com

Construction Sites
 Party Events • Weddings
 Campsites • Flea Markets

Weekends • Weekly • Monthly

to get rid of. Their presence was made known by a plume of sawdust on the living-room windowsill each morning. I'd occasionally see a stray ant on the floor, but never a column of foraging ants, which sometimes tips homeowners off to an infestation.

A neighbor helped me trace the sawdust to a long, narrow crack in the woodwork over the picture window. I removed the molding from the top of the window and found the ants had also chewed a space along the edge of the plaster wallboard. When I sprayed my homemade insecticide through the cracks, ants emerged and ran in agitated circles.

I never did figure out what happened

to these ants. They didn't die on the floor or on the windowsill. I tried watching them to see where they went, but they just kept careening in circles. I went away for a couple of minutes, and when I returned, they were gone.

I also couldn't figure out how the ants were getting out of their nest to find food. Despite scanning the outer wall of the house, I never found a line of ants venturing out to forage.

The morning after spraying, more sawdust had settled in the living room. In the garage, I found a not-so-toxic commercial product, Maggie's Farm Home Bug Spray, containing oils of thyme, rosemary, and wintergreen. It

provoked the emergence of more ants, this time barreling even faster across the window and floor, so I assume it is more powerful than my homemade solution. It also smells more pungent and not wholly unpleasant.

A bottle of diatomaceous earth (DE) showed up in the garage as well, and an old mustard dispenser, one of those squeeze bottles you used to find in diners. I filled it with DE, a powdery substance that kills insects by slicing and drying. I know, it sounds painful, and I don't like to use it, but I was getting nervous about my house falling down. When professional exterminators are addressing carpenter ants, I learned, they drill holes and inject insecticide. So I drilled a series of holes in the wallboard and squeezed the DE through the holes.

After a few daily treatments of DE and spray, the sawdust no longer appeared. However, three or four weeks later, a few particles of sawdust drifted down. Spraying the cracks elicited a small number of ants, and I repeated the treatment over three days. Even pros make two or three visits,

spaced several weeks apart, to complete an ant job.

Had I completely gotten rid of the ants? Or have they retreated to some other part of the house where they will drill in secret? Maybe I should call a pro, but I'm too stubborn. DIY rules!

"In general, I'm pretty tolerant of insects"

Foster Strength

As a KidsPeace foster father, you can make all the difference in the life of a child.

fostercare.com
845-331-1815
Serving the Hudson Valley



KidsPeace

© 2017 KidsPeace. We respect clients' privacy. The model(s) represented in this publication is (are) for illustrative purposes only and may not represent or endorse KidsPeace.

HOT TUBS & POOLS

SALES & SERVICE

FINANCING AVAILABLE

TRY OUR ALL NATURAL HOT TUB SANITIZER!

Authorized Radiant Pool Dealer

CLEARWATER SPAS

SCHEDULE YOUR POOL CLOSING

HOT TUBS POOLS

- COMPLETE SPA AND POOL CHEMICALS
- REPLACEMENT HOT TUB COVERS
- FREE WATER ANALYSIS
- POOL FILTERS & PUMPS
- CHLORINE/SALT GENERATOR
- POOL HEATERS
- SPA, POOL REPAIR AND SERVICE

WINTER SAFETY COVERS • INGROUND POOL LINERS

WWW.VALLEYSPASANDPOOLS.COM

VALLEY SPAS 3068 ROUTE 9W • SAUGERTIES, NY • 845-246-0666

VISA MasterCard Discover

LET'S GET THAT NEW PROJECT STARTED!

CUSTOM MILLWORK • FLOORING

KILN DRIED SOFTWOODS,
HARDWOODS & EXOTICS
MULCH & WOOD CHIPS
PANELING • SIDING
RECLAIMED WOOD
ROUGH CUT PINE & HEMLOCK
TABLETOPS & GLUE-UPS
STONES • TRUSSES

(518) 828-5684
1262 RTE 66, GHENT, NY
WWW.GHENTWOODPRODUCTS.COM

Ghent
WOOD PRODUCTS



Work by Erik Price

A guide to home acceptance

Learning to live with imperfection

by Sparrow

HOME IMPROVEMENT EN-TAILS physically fixing up one's house. But what about the emotional work of homeownership?

One way to improve your home is through gratitude and acceptance. Does everything constantly need to be "fixed?"

Suppose you have a leaky faucet. Buy a cello, and use the drip as a metronome while you play. As the leak worsens, you'll learn to play faster and faster. Thanks to your broken faucet, you'll become a virtuoso.

What if you have a big gray dirt mark on your wall? Buy some paint, and paint a lilac bush over it, tracing the marks as part of the mural.

Don't fight your house's defects. Collaborate with them.

I have rewritten the famous Serenity Prayer: "God, grant me the serenity to accept the problems in my house I can't change, the courage to go into the crawlspace, and the wisdom to know the difference."

Yes, I recognize that one can carry this philosophy to an extreme and allow one's home to degenerate into ruin. But what about the opposite extreme, constant anxiety over pointless imperfections? "The universe is perfect," we used to say in 1974, before we all bought houses and taught ourselves to worry constantly about dandelions in the lawn.

The front door to my doublewide trailer doesn't latch very well. It has, I must admit, swung open on a winter night,

forcing the furnace to attempt to heat all Phoenicia. A couple of handymen have looked at it, without success. So I just remember to latch it every night.

I myself open my mouth when I shouldn't, and all sorts of stupid things come out. Once, my mother-in-law and I were discussing a relative who couldn't find a partner, and I said: "It's easy to get married, just lower your standards." So why shouldn't the mouth of my house also fly open erratically?

Yesterday I came upon a garter snake on my lawn, the longest one I've ever seen – about 20 inches. Noticing me, the snake became immobile. Then I became immobile. But the immobility of a snake is far superior to that of a human. You can't even see them breathe. Though I meditate twice a day, when it comes to stillness I am no match for a legless reptile. Nonetheless, I tried.

The snake became my guide. How much better to study immobility with a serpent than to seek out a snake exterminator! (I looked online, and it turns out such businesses actually exist, with the more euphemistic name "snake removal services.")

Envy is one of the Seven Deadly Sins, and expressly forbidden by the Tenth Commandment. Learn to appreciate the beauty of other people's houses without coveting them.

Try this exercise: Buy a copy of *Better Homes & Gardens* and practice compassion for the people inside posing next to massive fireplaces. Tell yourself: "I'm so happy they have so much space! And such rare Asiatic carpets!"

Then look at your house, and feel grateful that you don't live in a hole in the ground covered with a sheet of aluminum, like the Unabomber's brother. (I once saw a photo in *The New York*



LEE REICH, Ph.D.
Garden & Orchard Consulting

- "Edible landscaping"
- Permaculturalesque design
- Organic growing of fruits & vegetables
- Organic soil improvement & management

www.leereich.com/consulting
garden@leereich.com
845-616-0710





Times of David Kaczynski's West Texas underground shelter, where he lived in the 1980s.) In fact, I suggest that you cross out the word "Better" in the magazine's title, and write in "Other." Who's to say that one house is superior to another? Each person is unique, each house has its own identity. Comparing them is fatuous.

I keep a pen and paper under my pillow, to write down palindromes I think of before I go to sleep. (A palindrome is a word, phrase or constitutional amendment that reads the same backwards and forwards. Here are some of my recent palindromes:|

Do owe rife firewood.
"Namaste" gets a man.

Seer Gal agrees.

Arise! Yet Nad, nude, redundant, eyes Ira.

Sue H., propose Aesop, Orpheus.

Gnus erase sorrow, or roses are sung.

Morph, oh prom!

Ha! Tub Mobility – til' I bomb Utah!

Cite "mimetic."

Slam mammals! Slam mammals!

O SOB military rat – I limbo. So?)

ONCE IN A WHILE MY PEN ROLLS UNDER the bed, and I have to fish it out with the broom. As I do so, I sweep out clods of dust, which I throw away. I'm cleaning under my bed without even trying!

Here's another helpful hint, which I've employed for the last eight months: Pick up tiny stray items from your floor and transform them into collages. Actually, each of my artworks consists only of one treasure, underneath which I laboriously sign my name. My most recent piece involves a fragment of red thread, which

I taped to a section of manila envelope, for maximum color contrast. (If you'd like one of these minimalist collages, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Sparrow, PO Box 63, Phoenicia, NY 12464.) Here's a painless way to (slightly) clean your house while improving your skills as a postmodern artist!



HABERWASH
PRESSURE WASHING
& EXTERIOR
PAINTING
& STAINING



Residential and Commercial
Specializing in decks, fences,
roofs, driveways, patios.



FREE ESTIMATES, FULLY INSURED
ACCEPTING ALL MAJOR CREDIT CARDS

Contact Jason Habernig
845-331-4966, 845-249-8668
visit my website: Haberwash.com

EAT
DRINK
SHOP
ENJOY
BE SAFE

www.shoprosendale.com



Benjamin Moore®

Refresh Your Outdoor Colors

House, deck, porch or patio—
save on your next exterior paint project.



\$7 OFF per gallon



H HOUST & SON INC
4 MILL HILL RD
WOODSTOCK, NY 12498
(845) 679-2115
housthardware.com

Offer valid for \$7 off retailer's suggested retail price per gallon of up to five (5) gallons of Aura® exterior paint at participating retailer. Products may vary from store to store. Subject to availability. Offer cannot be combined with other offers, discounts or promotions, or applied toward prior purchases. Retailer reserves the right to terminate, cancel or modify this offer at any time without notice. Offer expires 09/11/2021.

©2020 Benjamin Moore & Co. Aura, Benjamin Moore, Color Lock, Gennex, and the triangle "M" symbol are registered trademarks licensed to Benjamin Moore & Co. 8/20