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Yarimizu & Dumpling Knoll in early spring at Innisfree.

## A serene place to relax

#### Exploring gardens of the Hudson Valley

#### by Cloey Callahan

ROM SPRAWLING ESTATE grounds to quiet, tucked-away sanctuaries, the region's gardens offer visitors a vibrant display of color, design and serenity through the seasons - but especially in the spring and summer.

Whether you're a passionate horticulturist, a weekend wanderer or simply seeking a peaceful afternoon escape, exploring these gardens

is a reminder of how nature and human hands can work together.

Here's a look at four of the Hudson Valley's most stunning gardens — and why they're worth a visit.

#### Hortus Arboretum Botanical Garden Stone Ridge

Located in the countryside, Hortus Arboretum & Botanical Garden is a family-run garden whose mission is to sustain the native, unusual and historic-

## "It's a garden that keeps on inspiring because it's always evolving."

plant life of our area and serve as a vital educational resource for the public. It focuses on saving rare and endangered plants worldwide to ensure that species diversity lives on.

"We wanted to create a place a botanist can come and look at plants in a collection and say 'Okay, this is endangered and on the red list," said co-owner and founder Allyson Levy.

The gardens have been growing for over 20 years, with several specific collections including the Chinese Garden, Native

Woodland Garden and Japanese Shade Garden, in addition to a large collection of unusual edibles and hardy cacti.

ANew York Times feature story last year told how

Levy and Scott Serrano turned their back yard into an arboretum. The pair have been gardening and tending their land as visual artists since 1999, adding

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Left, the Beatrix Farrand Darden; right, Wethersfield Estate & Garden.

interesting plants that would attract certain insects or put out interesting leaves.

"We realized we were starting an arboretum," said Levy. "We were taking note of where we got them, and after ten years or so, we were holding special events."

The pandemic provided them a unique opportunity to answer the call for something safe to do outdoors. They've been

open to the public ever since.

With one of the most diverse selections of plants in Ulster County, it's worth a trip for the whole family to enjoy. Admission costs \$10 for adults, \$5 for students, seniors, children and veterans.

This summer, guests can expect special events, classes and walkthroughs. The gardens also host an artist residency program to use the gardens for inspiration and materials four times a year.

#### The Beatrix Farrand Garden Hyde Park

Originally installed in 1912, the Beatrix Farrand Garden is thought to be the oldest surviving residential work created by the foremost American woman landscape designer Beatrix Farrand. Stepping into the garden on the grounds of the FDR home, now a National Historic Site, feels like a luxurious trip back in time. It features a collection of exquisite formal perennial beds within fieldstone walls, which extend off the Bellefield Mansion like an intimate collection of garden rooms.

"If you've had a busy day or are feeling any stress, the garden is a serene place to relax and center your attention on something beautiful and peaceful," said Karen Waltuch, horticulturist. "Gardens are known for being very good for mental health, and our site is sure to improve anvone's mood."

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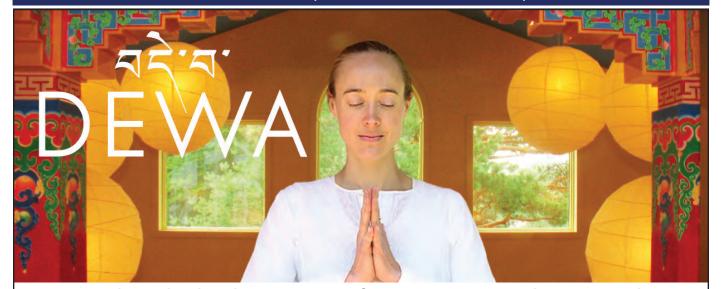
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blooms in white, cream, pink and purple from March through November, and the exterior garden around the walls and hedges features a collection of over 150 species of native trees, shrubs and herbaceous plants. Tey are part of the brand-new wild-garden realization project started in 2023. Due to the nature of perennial gardens, every inch of the site provides something to explore during every seasonal visit.

The garden's evolution is a notable one, as it was uncared for and derelict between 1975 and 1994, when a local group of garden-lovers formed a volunteer association to restore it in partnership with the National Park Service.

"Now, over 30 years later, the existing beautiful design is a testament to the generosity of volunteering and community action, and it also aids in telling the story of a very important woman in American history whose legacy of work in Hyde

Park was almost forgotten." said Waltuch. There are free garden talks on a vast

Magnolia grandiflora "Bracken's Brown Beauty" at Hortus Arboretum Botanical Garden.

array of topics every Saturday, and there are free acoustic concerts in the garden

on many Sundays until the end

Spread a blanket and picnic on the lawn. Bring children, or set up an easel for plein-air painting.

#### Innisfree Garden Millbrook

When you visit Innisfree, you're in for a peaceful experience. The garden is nestled around 45-acre Tyrrel Lake, with paths winding through different "cup gardens." Each space offers something new, from bright, open areas to more intimate, shaded spots. There are interesting rock formations, beautiful plantings, and lovely water features that make it feel like you're on a journey.

"It's all about discovery, and no two visits are ever quite the same," said Laura Palmer, executive director of Innisfree Garden.

There's a lot of inspiration from Chinese and Japanese gardens, but with a modern twist. It's the perfect spot for anyone who wants to get away from the usual rush of everyday life and just

enjoy the calm of nature.

Landscape architect Lester Collins designed Innisfree to encourage exploration, and there's always something new to see or appreciate. It started as a private retreat and has turned into a public garden.

"He had a unique, intuitive approach, and his design principles continue to guide the garden today," said Palmer. "It's a living work of art that changes with the seasons and invites people to connect with nature in a very personal way. It's a garden that keeps on inspiring



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Founded by philanthropist Chauncey Stillman in 1938, Wethersfield is now a nonprofit dedicated to conservation, culture, and the arts. Whether you're drawn to horticulture, landscape design, or simply the serenity of the natural world, Wethersfield offers anunforgettable visit.

It's open to the public Friday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. through October 12. This year, they are collaborating with several nonprofit partners for special events, including live music concerts. Beyond the formal gardens, visitors can enjoy the "Wilderness Walk," a seven-acre forested landscape designed with winding carriage paths and thoughtfully placed statuary, creating moments of reflection and inspiration at every turn.

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## **Cloud-watching:** a summer guide

Occasionally one sees the image of a hamburger in the sky.

#### by Sparrow

UMMER IS A time to sit in your yard or beside a trickling stream, and watch ... drifting clouds. In our money-obsessed culture, cloud-watching is ridiculed. In school we learn about the earth, not the sky. Maybe one day in twelve years is devoted to a description of clouds, and even that's not very useful. Terms like "stratocumulus" and "cirrostratus" don't capture the romance of floating islands in the sky.

That's why you need this handy guide to cloud-appreciation.

The easiest way to describe a cloud is by analogy. One cloudlet looks like a shopping cart, another like the head of a rhinoceros. Some clouds clearly have faces, and it's obvious if they're frowning or smiling - or staring blankly. The items in our daily lives that clouds resemble are:pillows, mattresses, balled-up tissues, napkins, towels. One might speak of a particular cloud as a "squashed pillow" or a "half-soiled towel."

Foods that clouds resemble are whipped cream, pancakes, mashed potatoes. Occasionally one sees the image of a hamburger in the sky. Or a row of waffles.

Some clouds look like UFOs - and others might actually be UFOs, disguised by brilliant scientists from the planet Amphrygelon.

Clouds also mimic the elaborate ruffled clothing aristocrats wore in the eighteemth century: petticoats, hoop skirts, fans, and especially the powdered wigs sitting on their heads. (Mme. Bergeret may be the best example of such a cloud-person.) Nowadays such fashion statements are only made by drag queens - because every wig is an artificial cloud.

In the biblical Book of Exodus, the



Clouds are musical. They are what music would look like if it were visible.

Israelites followed God for 40 years in the desert - God cloaked in a cloud. In today's secular world, we refer to "The Cloud" as the ultimate repository of all computer-based wisdom.

Clouds are musical. They are what music would look like if it were visible. One might speak of a cloud as a sonata or an aria, or a Romanian folk song.

Certain cloud formations clearly seem to be pointing up, while others point down - but that's only because we read English from left to right. A cloud that's extending from the lower left to the upper right of a section of sky looks like it's heading upwards to us, but to a Hebrew or Arab speaker, it would be facing downwards.



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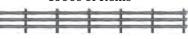
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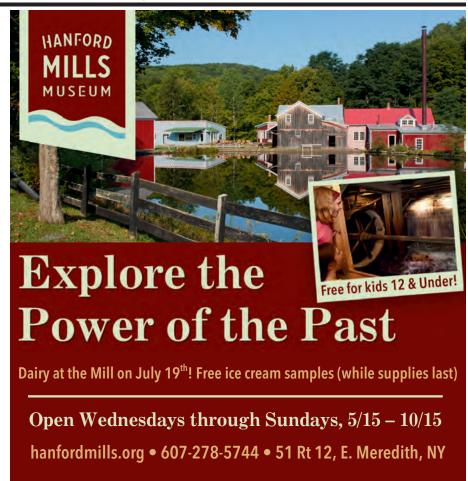


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Sometimes, even in the summer, the sky is all cloud, with darker clouds in front of the background cloud, like notes pinned to a bulletin board. And you can see the distance between the "note" and the "board": fifty feet, or seventy-two.

In the modern world we can actually fly up into the clouds, almost become a cloud, but flying is more of a winter pastime. In the summer, here in the Hudson Valley, we stay where we are, and others come to us. They arrive, in part, to see our clouds.

"Come outside, look at this cloud!" you shout to your houseguests – so they obediently rush out of the house. And they are usually disappointed. Because by then the cloud has changed, always for the worse. Clouds mutate quickly,

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once you point to them.

A baseball stadium is an excellent venue for cloud study. Probably the best stadium in the Hudson Valley is Heritage Financial Park in Wappingers

Near the horizon I see a formation shaped like a poorly-rolled joint, next to a caricature of Richard Nixon in profile.

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where the cloud-show is more entertaining than the game.

Cloud-observation also is pragmatic. My friend Dada Daneshanand lives in rural Nigeria. He told me on his last visit to New York, "I'm surprised that everyone here relies on weather forecasts. In Africa, we just look at the sky." In other words, they "read" the clouds.

Should you put your wet towels on the clothesline now, or wait six hours? The clouds will inform you.

As I write this, I'm in Berlin on vacation, doing a little cloud research so I can deduct this trip from my taxes. Near the horizon I see a formation shaped like a poorly-rolled joint, next to a caricature of Richard Nixon in profile.

Yes, Nixon has followed me 3911 miles, 31 years after his death. Thanks to the magic of the Internet, one can quickly learn the distance from Phoenicia to Berlin.)



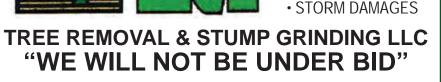


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A lot of clouds look like distorted letters of the alphabet. Today I saw an E missing one leg, and a bedraggled Y lying on its side. In the course of three days, a good summer sky can produce the entire alphabet.

Here's a good July game: blindfold someone and describe a cloud to them. Quickly pull off the blindfold, and see whether they can locate that cloud.

When comic books were invented, some genius had the idea to put cloudlike shapes over people's heads, filled with human speech. We call these shapes "word balloons." The more a comic character speaks, the larger the balloons grow. One can see a sky full of clouds as a series of word balloons, waiting for a letterer to fill them in.

Incidentally, if you're too poor – or too lazy – to travel, you can view the skies of the world by typing in "clouds of Cameroon," for example, and pressing "images" on Google. In fact, I just saw a white leaping dolphin – sculpted in water vapor – over Mount Cameroon.

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## Horseradish horrors!

Mint and garlic chives are among the inveterate garden invaders

by Lee Reich

EEP OUT OF my garden! This admonition is directed at horseradish, mint, and garlic chives — three incorrigible plants that once disrupted my garden. Once again, it's time to look around at new growth poking up through the ground, and make sure these plants are gone for good. I now know that the place for such plants is a patch kept in bounds with a lawnmower; or a semi-wild back corner where their unruly manners can be used to advantage, or at least ignored.

By far the worst offender, the most unruly plant, in my experience has been horseradish. Years ago I wisely decided to get rid of some horseradish I foolishly had planted amongst some berry plants. Ha! Try digging it up. The most thorough digging does not remove every bit of root, and even the smallest bits of root resprout leaves and start growing again.



Garlic chives.



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I even once came across a research articles in a horticultural journal, a journal whose articles are usually devoted to optimizing plant growth, exploring various ways of permanently ridding an area of horseradish.

I tried starving the horseradish roots by repeatedly cutting off the leaves, and new leaves just kept pushing out. After diligent digging and leaf removal, I did rid my garden of horseradish — but it took three years!

Horseradish is one of the few plants I'm even afraid to put into my compost pile. The traditional method for disposing of quackgrass should be equally effective for horseradish: Pull it up, burn it, then spread the ashes where you're sure you'll never want it to grow.

Garlic chives, a clump of which I once planted just inside my garden gate, is another plant that frightens me. Each plant self-seeded, and the following year was

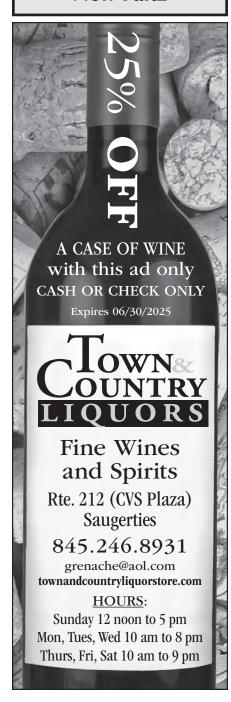
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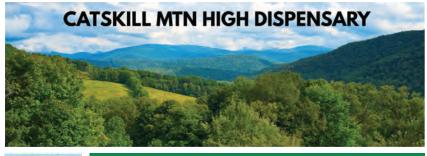
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I usually have no aversion to weeding, but trying to weed out garlic chives is an unsatisfying task. The seedlings cling tenaciously to the soil, the straplike leaves are slippery, and when you finally get hold of them, they snap off, leaving the roots intact to resprout.

I suppose I could snip off the flower heads so seeds do not form in the first place, but if I did grow this plant, I would want to see the starlike balls of white flowers at least as much as I would want to taste thegarlicky flavor of the leaves.

Mint is almost as bad as horseradish. Wherever I see a sprig of mint poke up through the ground, I know that there's an underground stem pushing a foot or more distant, from which will sprout new sprigs, ad infinitum.

Early on in my gardening life, I read that mint would deter cabbage worms. So I stuck sprigs (they root easily) between cabbage plants. The next spring, I found a lacy mesh of mint stems radiating just beneath the surface of the ground. I spent a month tracing the courses of these stems, combing them out of the soil, and finally ridding my garden of mint.

#### Some other garden foes

Though I consider horseradish, garlic chives, and mint the most unruly plants, there are others. I am especially wary



LEE REICH

#### Horseradish.

of any plant that spreads where I can't see — underground. Or any plant whose stems arch to the ground and root.

Tansy and yarrow spread both these ways. I do grow both these plants in my garden proper, but I annually hack back their tops and chop back their roots to keep them within bounds.

Certain gooseberry varieties have a similar wanderlust. Lepaa Red, a vigorous variety from Finland, must be the horseradish of gooseberries; I keep finding plants a couple of feet or more from the mother bush. It needs the same treatment as do tansy and yarrow.

I also am wary of plants which, like garlic chives and horseradish, either self-seed too readily or repeatedly sprout from root pieces. Self-seeded dill and borage are welcome in my garden, in moderation. I annually weed out excess. These seedlings, unlike those of garlic chives, are easy to uproot, so with a little diligence, they never get out of hand.

Jerusalem artichoke plants repeatedly sprout from even the smallest tubers left in the soil. But the plants just keep sprouting, not really spreading, so the weed status of Jerusalem artichoke is far eclipsed by that of horseradish.

#### Beware of bad behavior

I am not advising against planting any of these potentially unruly plants. All have assets to offset their bad behavior — the yellow, button-like flowers and pungent aroma of tansy; the garlicky flavor and white-flowered umbels of garlic chives; the pungent, sinus-clearing flavor of horseradish; etc.

Garlic chives still resides here, on the other side of my house from my vegetable garden. Every year towards the end of summer, the white umbels of flowers look and are right at home along a stone wall.

Mint similarly enjoys its present home in a bed bounded on one side by lawn and on the other by bricks of my terrace.

Horseradish? If I want it, I just go out and buy it.

Such plants dramatically demonstrate that a weed is merely a plant in the wrong place.

Lee Reich, author of The Pruning Book and many other books, is also a garden consultant specializing in growing fruits, vegetables and nuts. He hosts workshops at his New Paltz farmden. Go to www. leereich.com.



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## Ulster County is home to a thriving scene of woodworkers creating furniture as art

by Zac Shaw

AYBE THERE'S SOMETHING in the water, or something in the wood. Secluded amongst the forests of Ulster County you'll discover over two dozen master craftspeople

sculpting lumber into functional art.

It's easy to take this for granted in an IKEA world, but for most of human history, furniture was made entirely by hand.

A great many of our local woodworkers still use traditional techniques and tools that have stood the test of time over centuries. Some are eager to embrace

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modern technology. Others playfully mix and match styles to create their own unique vision of utility and beauty.

These woodworkers could equally be described as artists or sculptors. One can be awestruck by the expressiveness of their works. "Chair" and "table" seem vulgar terms when met with the attractiveness of this custom-made furniture. These pieces are undeniably works of art, and you get to sit in the frame.

When a critical mass of artists gathers in one place, a scene forms—and with it, trends emerge.

Use of so-called "live-edge" wood has been a hallmark of several local furniture artisans. This design style uses a wood plank's natural edge to create an organic and unpredictable silhouette, evoking nature in all its chaos. These slab-style creations can even use the wood's uneven grain, knots and other imperfections to its aesthetic advantage.

There's an air of Japanese Wabi-Sabi design, which celebrates cracks, weathering, and natural texture — often influencing minimalist, handcrafted furniture. Butterfly connectors and other joinery — both functional and decorative — are a popular feature in custom woodworking around here, stabilizing cracks while showcasing craftsmanship.

Ethical sourcing has been a lasting priority in the custom woodworking community. Reclaimed and vintage wood remain in high demand for their sustainability, character and even provenance.

Mid-century modern furniture is hot right now – just take a look at the price tags in any vintage or antique store. Some local woodworkers have echoes of mid-century modern design, and these influences are often elevated to more dramatic heights with advanced techniques and constructions.

Craftsmanship at this level has a price, but when you consider how long you'll be using the furniture – for the rest of your life, perhaps – those who can afford it are happy to splurge on these bespoke and breathtaking focal points in home design.

Below is a collection of Ulster County's finest craftspeople when it comes to transforming a tree into art you'll use every day. With so many around, it's likely we missed a few, but these 23 shops should give you a good place to start.

#### Steve Heller - Fabulous Furniture fabulousfurnitureon 28.com

Heller is perhaps the most high-profile furniture designer in the area thanks to his classic automobile-inspired sculptures showcased like a roadside attraction on Route 28 in Boiceville. Longtime Kingston residents will remember his dinosaur made of welded chain which pre-second traffic circle used to bet at the end of Colonel Chandler Drive.

Heller's vintage car-meets-spaceship aesthetic has received attention from The New York Times to Atlas Obscura. His furniture is a fun-loving blend of rustic and retro-modern.

#### **Cabinet Designers**

https://www.cabinetdesigners.com

This family-run firm has been around for over 30 years, specializing in custom kitchen and bath solutions that reflect each client's style and needs. Their 6000-square-foot showroom on Route 28 in Kingston showcases a diverse range of high-quality cabinetry, countertops and accessories. Its style tends toward the bold, modern and minimalist, often with a touch of rustic charm, and it caters to all types of clients.

#### **Stephen Robin Woodworking**

https://www.stephenrobinwoodworking.com

This Woodstock workshop is known for its custom furniture, cabinetry, and architectural woodwork. Robin, a master craftsman working since 1966, blends traditional techniques with modern tools like a CNC router funded by a federal grant. Their team's stunning high-end craftsmanship has been featured in institutions like the Brooklyn Museum.

#### Vernacular Design

https://www.vernaculardesignco.com/

Kingston-based Vernacular Design Co. is a full-service woodworking studio specializing in custom cabinetry, furniture and architectural millwork. Founded by Jack Decker, the company serves clients across the Hudson Valley and the greater New York metro area, plus Connecticut and Massachusetts. Modern meets traditional here, and designs range from playful to luxurious.

#### **Rosado Works**

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Luis Rosado, who specializes in handcrafted furniture, fabrication and restoration, leads this High Falls studio. The



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studio emphasizes traditional joinery techniques and the use of locally sourced materials. The work gives nods to antique and vintage styles while remaining modern and fresh.

#### **Rowan Woodwork**

https://www.rowanwoodwork.com/

Founded in 2014 by Suzanne Walton, a skilled woodworker from northern England with a background in furniture restoration, this studio is a certified green business and a certified woman-owned enterprise. Operating out of a retrofitted 10,000-square-foot former auto-body shop, Rowan Woodwork emphasizes design-led, modern cabinetry and furniture that blends traditional techniques with contemporary aesthetics and a strong sense of dimension.

#### Bare Furniture Corp.

https://www.barefurnitureny.com/

In a world of glossy finishes, naked furniture has a unique appeal that echoes our area's natural beauty. Accord's familyrun, unfinished wood-furniture experts have been crafting since 1986. Bare Furniture is deeply rooted in the Hudson Valley's woodworking tradition, and its use of unique woods and techniques to achieve an organic yet modern look is what sets it apart.

#### **Woodstock CNC Woodworking**

https://woodstock-cnc.com/

Founded in 2019 by Matthew Medenbach in Woodstock, the name says it all. These folks are CNC woodworking and milling professionals. Masters of custom builtins and unique projects, they emphasize precision and personalization in their designs. Their portfolio showcases a range of work, from epoxy river tables to intricately decorative cabinetry. They offer bespoke solutions embraced by many local clients.

#### **Catskill Woodworking**

https://catskillwoodworking.com/

This high-end architectural millwork

firm based in Kingston, was, established in 1991 by self-taught woodworker Robert Allen. The company specializes in custom woodwork, including doors, moldings, cabinets, wall units, vanities, and trims. It primarily serves architects and contractors. Operating from a 40,000-square-foot workshop, it works with a variety of woods and exotic materials.

#### Found & Fixed Hudson Valley

https://www.foundandfixedhv.com/

This Highland operation was founded in 2022 with the mission of saving furniture from the landfill by transforming it into something new. It repairs, refinishes and repaints wood furniture that's worn or damaged, typically using sustainable, eco-friendly products. Its co-op model allows the whole team a chance to bring new life to pieces that would have otherwise been thrifted or trashed.

#### **Nick Brown Woodworking**

https://www.nbwoodworking.com/

Since 1984, this woodworker has been making custom cabinetry, furniture and millwork for clients across the region. With over 30 years of experience, Nick began as a teenage apprentice and developed expertise in traditional woodworking techniques like mortise and tenon joinery and hand-cut dovetails. His work often involves period restoration and high-quality craftsmanship for clients including interior designers, architects and homeowners.

#### Pacama Handmade

https://pacamahandmade.com/

This furniture design studio was founded in 2013 by Cedric Martin, who was raised in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania and draws on his Mennonite heritage in his work, which began in high school. He trained at The Center for Furniture Craftsmanship and North Bennett Street School before launching Pacama Handmade. The studio's design style is playful

and artful, subtle and organic, with nods to mid-century-modern aesthetics.

#### **Odd Numbers Studio**

https://oddnumbersstudio.com/

Andrew Patterson founded this whimsical, minimalist and modern woodworking operation in 2020. He focuses on using sustainable practices and materials with a simple yet elegant approach that keeps pieces affordable.

#### **Gustav Pedersen**

https://gustavpedersen.com/

Gustav Pedersen is a skilled customfurniture designer and builder based in Saugerties. Known for blending clean, modern materials like glass and steel with the natural beauty of wood, Gus draws on a deep respect for wood's organic textures and grain patterns in creating sophisticated pieces for both residential and commercial clients. Active in the Hudson Valley arts community, Gus also produces impressive sculptures and marquetry.

#### Black Creek Mercantile & Training Co.

https://www.blackcreekmt.com/

Joshua Vogel founded his Kingston workshop after years in the furniture and interiors industry, aiming to return to hands-on craftsmanship through small-scale product design and manufacturing. The studio promotes a collaborative environment where employees are encouraged to learn, create, and grow together through a shared commitment to excellence. The result is artful and organic.

#### **New York Heartwoods**

https://www.instagram.com/newyork-heartwoods/

Rustic and folksy yet modern and clean – these are the hallmarks of New York Heartwoods furniture. Founded in 2011 as a lumber mill repurposing storm-damaged wood, the company evolved to include furniture fabrication and consulting, eventually shifting last year to focus entirely on coordinating with a network of mills, kilns and fabricators to integrate reclaimed wood into residential, commercial and artistic projects.

#### **Daniel Stern Woodworking**

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Daniel Stern is a master woodworker with a penchant for designing furniture

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that features dramatic lines, and organic, grain-forward surfaces. Somehow he also finds time to hand-make exquisite electric guitars.

#### **Traditional Techniques**

https://traditionaltechnique.com/

These local woodworking pros use – surprise, surprise – traditional techniques and tools in their work, producing pieces that honor the craftsmanship of yesteryear. Staircases, cabinets and other custom installations are their specialty when it comes to indoor areas, but they're also big on reclaimed wood and are specialists in barn-raising.

#### Josh Finn

https://www.joshfinnfurniture.com/

Since 1995, this shop has drawn inspiration from natural forms and traditional craftsmanship. When he's not designing enduring, wood-centered furniture, Josh Finn is leading boat-building classes locally. His creative furniture embraces curving lines and sturdy shapes.

#### **Rob Hare**

http://www.robhare-furnituremaker. com/Rob Hare has had a lifelong passion for making art and sculpture, so when he gets to furniture making, expect the artistry to flow. His work differs from many of the other more wood-centric makers on this list in that he truly embraces metalwork. His pieces balance intricate metalwork with expertly-crafted wood in a dance of form.

#### **Andrew Hunter**

https://www.instagram.com/andrew-hunter furniture/

Accord-based Andrew Hunter has earned national recognition for his Eastern-inspired furniture design and his role as an educator in the craft. His mastery of Japanese and Chinese techniques and tools has made him a widely sought-after woodworker.

#### **Michael Leggett**

https://mleggett.com/

Bespoke custom work meets a diverse array of influences in Michael Leggett's furniture. The Woodstock woodworker's pieces are elegant and clean, with exacting detail in its wood grain and joinery. These are high-end pieces that showcase myriad techniques for one-of-a-kind visual appeal.



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