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A little bit about me — I am a Hudson Valley native: I grew up in Scarsdale, raised my family in Chappaqua, and have been a national magazine editor for decades. Over the years my husband and I have spent many, many weekends exploring Hudson Valley cities and towns. I've seen first-hand the incredible transformations in places like Hudson (a personal fave), Beacon, Cold Spring, and Kingston. Every time I drive up to Millerton, Millbrook, and Rhinebeck I discover a great new shop or restaurant. In August, I visited a few spots for the first time: Germantown (just beautiful, plus lunch at Otto's was delicious), Tivoli — an adorable town with a world-class ice cream shop (Fortunes) and the Hyde Park hamlet of Staatsburg, where we could have happily stayed all day tasting wines at Milea Estate Vineyard and marvelling at the stunning views. This position couldn't be more perfect for me because now traveling around the region is my job!

Hudson Valley magazine has been informing and inspiring readers and celebrating Valley life for nearly 50 years — I'm looking forward to continuing the tradition and making this brand bigger and better than ever but I need your help: What types of features do you like best? What do you wish the magazine would include in future issues? Are we doing a good job covering all the counties or are there some that could use more love? Please share your opinions and ideas by sending us an email at edit@hvmag.com. After all, this magazine is for YOU!

Enjoy this issue, and get out there and have some fall fun! See you in November.

Linda Fears

Linda Fears
Editor in Chief



Clockwise from left: The fabulous Field + Supply artisan fair in Kingston is back this month, don't miss the stunning ceramics from vendor Helen Prior; meet the Andersons, the uber-talented duo behind the design firm Dean & Dahl, and get creative ideas from their Putnam Valley home; City Winery in Montgomery is a winner this year for best "New Dining and Event Destination." Go for the wine, the food, a concert. . .but definitely go!



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Market Value

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BY HALLIE MILSTEIN

If you've never been to a Field + Supply fair, you're in for a treat. And if you have, you know it's not to be missed. We are happy to say the event is back after a two-year hiatus and will take place October 8–10 (10 a.m.–6 p.m.) at Kingston's Hutton Brickyards, a beautiful setting right on the banks of the Hudson.

"More than a traditional market, Field + Supply offers an immersive, inspirational, and aspirational experience for makers and shoppers alike," says Brad Ford, an interior designer and founder of the high-end fair. "We see it as a cultural event aimed at celebrating all that the Hudson Valley has to offer."



Helen Prior (left); Mary MacGill (above)

Hamilton and Adams (left);
HETTA Glögg (right)

With over 150 artisans and vendors, the market offers something special for everyone — from handmade jewelry, textiles and botanical skincare products to stunning ceramics, lighting, and other furnishings and accessories for the home. You can easily spend a day (or two) here. In addition to shopping, you'll enjoy hanging out at a picnic table sampling the food (Oyster Party's lobster rolls are amazing) and listening to live music. The weekend lineup of indie folk, reggae, and country bands includes Good Morning Nags, August First, and The Big Takeover. Oh, and there's a bar, too.

A few vendors to keep an eye out for: Woodstock's Lowland Studio, which specializes in porcelain chandeliers and scones inspired by the natural beauty of the Catskills, as well as West Africa and Eastern Europe, where owner Kelly Storrs studied the human relationship to fire and clay. Helen Prior's ceramics and pillows, with patterns based on wildflowers and plants native to the Valley, are absolutely stunning. And be sure to swing by HETTA to sample (and, we bet, buy) their sweet and spicy Glögg (Nordic mulled wine). It's based on an old

Norwegian family recipe and bottled in Kingston.

Mike White, behind Germantown-based design studio Ordinal Indicator (a three-time vendor), is excited to experience the market's trademark friendly community. "We've all been cooped up the past year," he says, "and I think I can speak for the entire maker community and say that we're all looking forward to reconnecting with one another." Prior, whose studio is based in Kingston, agrees. "Field + Supply is exciting because it's a cross between a trade show and a really great family event. It's the best of both worlds."



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Block Party

The new Legoland park and hotel in Goshen promises a fun-filled family getaway. **BY MEGAN GOLDSCHN**

My husband, two daughters (ages 5 and 3) and I were among the first to experience **Legoland New York** this past summer — and we had a blast. The park offers plenty of rides and excitement for a day trip but if your kids love Legos and theme parks, I recommend booking a night for full Lego immersion.

The hotel is a party from the moment you walk in the door. Characters greet you upon arrival, and love to pose for selfies (they also keep everyone entertained in the hotel's two dining rooms). The fun continues as you head to your room — which are thoughtfully designed to offer privacy for parents, with a king-size bed on one side, bunk beds for the children on the other, and a bathroom in the center.

Rooms are themed (of course). We stayed in the Castle; the other options are Pirate, Ninjago, and Lego Friends. Each has a play area, and the TVs are preloaded with all four Lego movies, which thrilled my girls.

We started our day with a two-minute stroll to **Brick Street**, one of seven themed areas featuring entertainment that caters to both little ones and pre-teens. Next



was **Bricktopia**, which is ideal for building enthusiasts who want to hone their skills. We moved on to **Miniland**, where we marveled at the models of U.S. landmarks and enjoyed the interactive experiences. By then we were ready to cool off at **Lego Pirates** water rides. The other three “lands” are **Lego City**, where kids can earn their license on racecourses and train to be American heroes like fire fighters, police officers, and coast guard officers; **Lego Castle** with its Dragon rollercoaster; and **Lego Ninjago World** where, you guessed it, children go through ninja training!

CLASSIC CARS AND CAPPUCCINOS

A new coffee house in the Western Catskills serves up excellent java alongside old-school autos.

BY RAPHAEL BERETTA

Jared Lamanna, 35, opened Churchill Classics, his repair shop and dealership, in a former hardware store in 2016 and quickly built a reputation as a gifted mechanic for vintage vehicles. Last August, he opened Churchill Classics Coffee right in the showroom. His passion for classic cars can only be matched by his appreciation of — and reliance on — a *really* good cup of joe. Lamanna's cappuccino maker, a 1960s Faema E61A, is a relic of engineering itself: it's the first-ever espresso machine with a volumetric pump. It's eye-catching, a little finicky, and delivers a consistently smooth shot.

“We consider ourselves artists here, we work on a lot of fine British and Italian cars,” says Lamanna. “I love that [the espresso machine] is from the same era as many of the vehicles in our showroom. It seems to work well with how we approach classic car restoration. I love the aesthetic of it.”

The shop is about a half hour from Monticello, and a short drive from fun, scenic hiking trails (the Monguap Pond Loop in Willowemoc Wild Forest is stunning). Lamanna has plans to launch a rental service out of his parking lot. “I’ve got a few truly epic overland trucks I want to share with people,” he says. The vintage trucks, outfitted with backcountry camping gear, are perfect for a weekend exploring the Catskills.

“Ultimately, my long-term goal has always been to turn this place into a gathering spot for the community,” says Lamanna, who also intends to host monthly openings for local artists.

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A Snooki Homecoming

Jersey Shore star Nicole Polizzi returns to her roots in the Hudson Valley to open a boutique in Beacon. **BY JAKE MAURIELLO**



More than a decade ago, Nicole “Snooki” Polizzi made waves across the world as the breakout star of *Jersey Shore*, MTV’s hit reality show that followed a group of young “adults” spending the summer down in Seaside Heights, NJ.

Fans instantly fell in love with Polizzi, whose short stature but larger-than-life personality led to several of the show’s most memorable scenes. Before long, she was one of the first bona fide reality stars of the 2010s. With open arms, the cultural zeitgeist embraced her quippy one-liners, signature hairstyles, and — most of all — her iconic fashion.

Polizzi, who was born in Chile and adopted at 6 months old, grew up in Marlboro in Ulster County and attended Marlboro High School. (Dedicated fans will recall Polizzi dubbing herself “the princess of Poughkeepsie” in an early *Jersey Shore* episode.)

Opening her own store had been a longtime dream, but filming commitments and appearances packed Polizzi’s schedule for much of

the decade following *Jersey Shore*. As soon as she found the time, she took the leap and opened the first Snooki Shop in Madison, NJ, in 2018.

When scouting out a location for her second shop, Beacon was a natural choice for Polizzi. She was first introduced to Beacon while attending high school cheerleading competitions. “I just love the Beacon area because it reminds me of Marlboro, but livelier,” Polizzi says.

Now, Hudson Valley residents can take a step into Polizzi’s wardrobe at The Snooki Shop (508 Main Street). It features Snooki-esque style like leopard print, loungewear, leggings, and *spunk*.

“Beacon is beautiful and such a classy, cute town that I feel needed a little spunk,” Polizzi says. “I definitely wanted a store that resembles my closet and my style. I always say, when you walk into my store, you’re in my closet and you’re shopping my favorite looks.”

For more on Polizzi and her boutique, head to hvmaa.com/thesnookishop.



Pedal Pushers

Revel in fall foliage while exploring the Empire State Trail with Gotham Bike Tours. **BY MEGAN WILSON**

It’s another super-active autumn for hikers and bikers throughout the region. Since the start of the pandemic, trail usage across the country has increased tenfold according to the American Hiking Society, and the Hudson Valley is no exception. Luckily for us, Gotham Bike Tours launched creative and fun biking excursions for exploring the newly opened 750-mile-long Empire State Trail (EST).

Since 2014, Lukas Herbert and Laura Willis (a top sightseeing guide and Appalachian Mountain Club trip leader, respectively) have treated cyclists to out-of-the-ordinary rides. Although the EST connects Manhattan, Albany, and Buffalo, Gotham focuses on Hudson Valley-area trails. Bikers can start off with the Maybrook Branch, a base tour on the EST; it begins at Brewster’s train station parking lot and stretches 35 miles north to Poughkeepsie. Like all Gotham tours, unlimited refreshments are provided to fuel up before, during, and after the trip. (Lunch, rail and shuttle fare, plus rental bikes are available, too.)

Looking for a more challenging outing? Gotham offers add-ons to the Maybrook Branch: The Sunset Limited option extends the ride through Poughkeepsie and over the river to New Paltz, where you’ll arrive just in time to catch the beautiful sunset over the Shawangunk Ridge before being shuttled back to Brewster.

And then there’s the Craft Brewery tour. This 35-mile ride begins at the “Old Put” rail trail in Brewster — a defunct railroad that was once bustling with commuters in the early 1900s — and includes a mid-day pit stop for a picnic lunch before arriving at Captain Lawrence Brewery in Elmsford, where you can relax and sample up to 10 of their award-winning beers.

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Welcome to Camp Anderson

Design gurus Brooke and Gabriel Anderson are madly in love with the Hudson Valley and on a mission to renovate every inch of their home. The goal: an oasis that's classy, creative, and kid-friendly. Yes, it's possible.

BY JONNA GALLO WEPPLER

Brooke and Gabriel Anderson — the whip smart, hyper likable brand builders behind high-end interior design firm Dean & Dahl — are never happier than when they're sharing the stories behind their brand and their family.

Married almost sixteen years, the two met, fell in love, and got married in a year's time, while they were both undergrads at Utah State University. The entrepreneurial pair's first joint venture took off right there in their college town, with a tiny counter in an existing coffee shop that served as a springboard for three successful crepe-and-coffee shops that the couple finally sold in early 2021. "That was a very special part of our life," reflects Brooke, 35.

That said, their plan was always to pursue a career in the field of design. First up was their inarguably successful furniture company, Gabriel Dean Design. Brooke and Gabriel, 39, took a unique approach from the get-go, melding his extensive grad school training with her background in social



In a corner by the beautiful spiral staircase sits a Glow chair, part of unique, translucent collection created by Kim Markel (kimmarkel.com) and handmade in New York from recycled resins.

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The couple's sun-filled bedroom suite (*left and below*) with its whimsical bright yellow headboard and cloud-like light fixture is more like an adult treehouse. Brooke says, "It's the happiest space Gabriel could have made me." The stunning photograph above the dresser was taken by one of Gabriel's talented childhood friends (to see more of his work, check out [@tyson_shelley_images](https://www.instagram.com/tyson_shelley_images) on Instagram). As for the striking floor, Gabriel devised an expansive geometric pattern that suggests tiles and did the painting himself.



Gabriel's design influences include Belgian interior-designer-to-the-stars Axel Vervoordt and Dutch design dynamo Marcel Wanders. Internationally revered and award-winning designers Jamie Drake and Vicente Wolf also guided Gabriel's professional perspective and designs.



work and human behavior, which infuses her sense of how people actually interact with the spaces they live in. They launched the furniture line in 2015, which now includes seating, case goods, a variety of tables plus other one-of-a-kinds, with prices for the custom-made pieces starting at \$3,000 for a small stool and reaching \$20,000 for a spectacular 11-foot sideboard. Initially the line was sold exclusively through showrooms, but the business model has since transitioned to online sales.

It was only after starting the furniture brand that they realized they also wanted to pursue high-end, contemporary interior design, says Brooke. Deciding to do so necessitated leaving Utah, with an admittedly limited number of geographic options that made sense from a professional standpoint. They describe New York as their obvious choice. "We considered moving to the city but we really wanted our kids to have more space," says Brooke. Said kids are a huge driving force in Brooke and Gabriel's personal life and professional goals. They have a daughter, Penelope, 10, and two sons, 8-year-old Tucker and 5-year-old Wolfie. All were adopted over a four-and-a-half-year period, a span during which the couple was also defining and refining their business development goals. Brooke happily describes this chapter as "mostly a blur."

The couple quickly zeroed in on the Hudson Valley, for its captivating, fairytale-like beauty and artsy creative energy. When Brooke first viewed the house that would become their home, she was 1,800 miles away in Utah. But after the

The dining room, above, is Gabriel's personal sweet spot. Seven individually sculpted wood legs support a surface made of concrete with a cement top that has hundreds upon hundreds of his thumbprints. "That table is one of my favorite things I've ever created," he says. Below, the Anderson's home in the woods.



When Covid brought about strict stay-at-home orders, Gabriel relied on furniture making as a creative outlet. He fashioned the custom dual-sided supersize sofa that his kids love to climb on. As for the (wonderful!) green fringe lamps, they started as basic floor fixtures from IKEA. Find the hack on the @deananddahl Instagram, dated November 7, 2020.



This green velvet beauty is the Dean & Dahl Tucker Chair. Gabriel loves living with furniture from their line. "It's a physical manifestation of our design evolution," he says.



"We started an interior design business with zero connections. I literally cold called our way into a design career in New York City."

FaceTime tour, the two impulsively decided to buy and relocated their family of five to Putnam Valley in December 2019.

SETTING UP CAMP

Their quirky, 2,650-sq-ft house, sits on a 3-acre piece of property, nestled about a half-mile up a private road. It has three bedrooms and as many full baths. According to Brooke and Gabriel, the house had great bones, but they've essentially had to renovate everything. But, as they're first to admit, "We're always renovating." They cheerfully started calling their new home Camp Anderson because they felt so deep in the woods.

Among the many substantial changes: high-vault ceilings and triangular skylights flood the

main bedroom with light, while a stunning upholstered headboard and chandelier lend depth and warmth. Massive picture windows steal the show in the light, airy dining area.

In the process of moving, they ended up downsizing big-time, since their East Coast home is quite a bit smaller than their digs were out West. In the end they got rid of half of what they owned. "There is nothing more freeing than evaluating what you have and only keeping the things you actually like," says Brooke.

A HOME DESIGNED FOR KIDS

According to Brooke, Camp Anderson is all about fun and fueling creativity. Penelope, Tucker, and Wolfie have free reign over every inch of the place. This

was a design imperative for the couple, who both grew up in homes with rooms and entire areas that were strictly off-limits. "I don't understand spaces that aren't designed for living. It honestly drives me crazy," Gabriel says. The kids interact with his original furniture designs in ways he never imagined, he explains enthusiastically. Some days they use the coffee table as a slide, while on other days it functions as a toy car raceway. The sofa doubles as a jungle gym. "No matter what, kids are going to abuse your home. That's what growing up is," Brooke posted on Instagram (@deananddahl) this past June. "Might as well take a deep breath and lean into the chaos." (Follow the couple on Instagram for a mix of evocative product stills, charming personal musings and videos of family outings, many set to great music.)

DESIGNS ON THE FUTURE

Looking ahead, the couple hopes to phase out their twice-weekly commute into New York City and move their business to Cold Spring full-time. "Through COVID, we fell harder in love with the Hudson Valley," Brooke says. "And we're hoping to become the go-to contemporary designers for the region."

Also on their horizon: a luxury resort in the Catskills. The project is still in the development stage, but they promise a design ethos similar to Camp Anderson that mingles luxurious modern touches with homages to land and nature. The timeline is still very tentative, but their hope is a Spring 2023 opening.

In the meantime, their style will only continue to evolve, and their star continue to rise.

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All In The Details

A recent renovation in Poughquag by Southeast Kitchen & Bath showcases a combination of classic design, state-of-the-art appliances, and whimsical, personal touches. **BY LINDA FEARS**

According to Southeast's founder and owner, Anthony Palladino, white Shaker-style cabinets remain a favorite among his clientele. What's new now are to-the-ceiling glass-front cabinets that allow you to easily find what you need. Lights installed inside help showcase dishware and collectibles, and add a warm glow at night when the overhead lights are off.

Floating wood shelves are another trend that works well for several reasons: They provide a visual break on a wall of upper cabinets; they add a warm, decorative element that breaks up all the white and ties in the island and the range hood; and, of course, open shelving offers a prime spot to showcase photos and other favorite items.

A backsplash that extends from counter to ceiling is a look that's very modern right now. Although the homeowner's chose classic Carrera marble subway tiles that echo the kitchen's gray and white theme, backsplashes can also be a great way to introduce another color (or more) to a design scheme and an opportunity to add a pop of personality.

Along the lines of cladding refrigerators and dishwashers in panels that match cabinetry for a seamless look, homeowners are requesting that their stainless range hoods be reimagined as a decorative element. In this kitchen, the hood is paneled in the same gray wood as the island and trimmed in white to match the rest of the cabinetry.



According to Palladino, homeowners are requesting "coffee bars" in new kitchens — in this case, a dedicated corner serves as a drinks station with coffee machines on the counter below a cabinet of glassware and mugs and above a built-in 24-inch beverage refrigerator.

Even though this kitchen has plenty of counterspace, it's more elegant when you can keep it clutter-free. The homeowners installed a microwave drawer in the island instead of purchasing a countertop model. The microwave opens and closes like a drawer with the press of a button so there's no need to bend down to use it. The dark gray island offers a nice contrast to the white cabinets and hardwood floors, and switches things up with polished nickel pulls versus the oil-rubbed bronze pulls on the perimeter cabinets.

For a traditional marble look without the potential staining problems, the homeowners chose easy-care quartz for their countertops. The engineered stone surface is a popular choice, says Palladino, particularly for families with children. The only downside: The material is not heat resistant.

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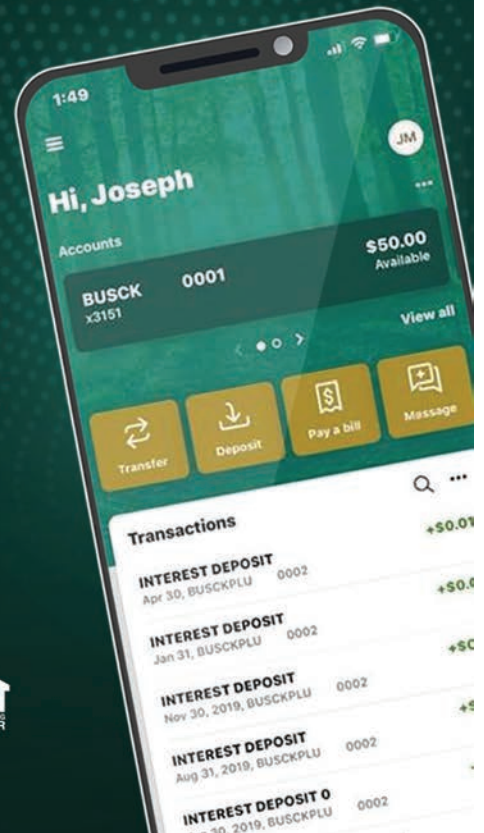
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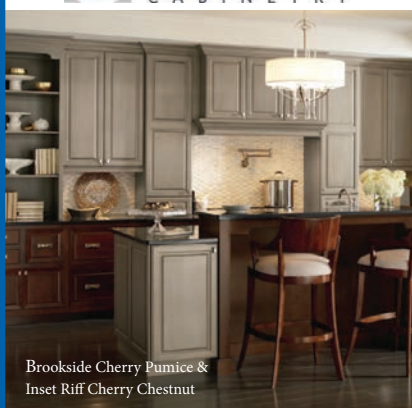


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Kitchen Trends To Try

Planning an update or a total reno? Here are eight ideas kitchen designers love right now.

1. **Shiplap!** Thanks to Chip and Joanna Gaines, the trend remains strong for those looking to inject a bit of farmhouse style.
2. **Two- to three-inch thick counters.** The average countertop is 1 or 1 ½ inches, so going big and bold makes a major style statement.
3. **Blue cabinets are big** — in every imaginable shade from baby blue to aqua to navy.
4. **Another cabinet trend:** Painting the inside with a contrasting color.
5. **If you like your kitchen looking sleek and uncluttered,** consider installing a charging station for electronics in a dedicated drawer to hide all those wires.
6. **Speaking of concealing,** the trend of hiding appliances behind custom cabinetry is still big.
7. **While a subway tile backsplash is a classic,** installing the tiles in a herringbone pattern is a new twist that adds a bit of depth and richness. (Herringbone patterned wood floors are in now as well.)
8. **If you have an island, get creative with the stools.** Homeowners are adding modern seats to traditional kitchens for a unique look; some are also using them to add a pop of color to an otherwise neutral space.



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readycoffeeco.com

Columbia County Restaurant: Dine In

Rivertown Lodge Tavern
Hudson
rivertownlodge.com

Columbia County Restaurant: Takeout

Buttercup
Hudson
buttercuptreats.com

Comfort Food

The Beacon Daily
Beacon
thebeacondaily.com

Cookies

Amanda's Macaron Shoppe
Poughkeepsie
amandasmacaronshoppe.com

Craft Cocktails

Heritage Food + Drink
Wappingers Falls
heritagefooddrink.com

CREATIVE FROZEN DRINK

Valerie's Ice Cream

For a sweet and spicy treat, head to Valerie's Ice Cream in Newburgh for a mangonada — a signature Mexican frozen drink. These frozen smoothies are made with fresh mango, chamoy sauce, and a few secret ingredients (their lips are sealed). Each cup is topped with diced mangoes and a tamarind paste-wrapped straw rolled in chili powder. *Newburgh; @valeriesicecream on Instagram*

CROISSANT

Kingston Bread + Bar

If ever there was a croissant we'd drive through a snowstorm for (yes, this is something our former dining editor actually did), it would be this one. Deeply caramelized layers of pastry form a shatteringly flaky exterior that gives way to an irresistibly buttery, tender interior that's every bit as good as a trip to Paris. *Kingston; kingstonbread.com*

DINNER AND A MOVIE

Story Screen and Wonderbar

Nothing beats the classic date-night combo of dinner and a movie. Nestled in a historic 1920s building along Beacon's Main Street, Story Screen Theater is a one-of-a-kind destination for indie flicks and blockbusters alike. The adjacent Wonderbar crafts Hollywood-themed cocktails in a speakeasy atmosphere. Dig into delicious small plates, like the incredibly satisfying cauliflower pizza, topped with fresh ricotta, fennel pollen, blackberries, and a beetroot pesto. *Beacon; storyscreenbeacon.com*



ECLECTIC BREAKFAST Dottie Audrey's

Not too far from Harriman State Park, this rustic café specializes in unique eats. A BB breakfast bowl makes a perfect marriage of eggs, black beans, farro, spinach, shimichi, and pickled carrots. Other classic egg-and-meat go-tos include a frittata sandwich and Colcannon potato cakes and eggs. Don't miss out on their handful of quiche and omelet options (especially the crab and cheese).
Tuxedo Park; dottieaudreys.com

DIRTY CHAI LATTE

Babette's Kitchen

A favorite pitstop on Millbrook's Main Street for over a decade, this small storefront serves a mean cup of joe. Their espresso is smooth and strong, but the chai latte is what keeps us coming back. The perfect mix of cloves and your milk of choice creates the most comforting cup you've ever tasted. Ask for our favorite, the dirty chai — a combo of chai and espresso that gives you the best of both worlds.

Millbrook; babetteskitchen.com

DIVERSITY-MINDED BREWERY

Sloop Brewing Co.

Despite a push for more inclusive hiring across industries, women and people of color remain significantly underrepresented in brewery ownership. Enter Sloop's diversity- and inclusion-focused Open Waters internship program, which encourages women, LGBTQ+ individuals, and POC to apply and learn the ins and outs of the brewing business.

East Fishkill; sloopbrewing.com

CSA

Fishkill Farms
Hopewell Junction
fishkillfarms.com

Deli

Rosticceria Rossi & Sons
Poughkeepsie
rossideli.com

Dessert

Spoons Ice Cream & More
Poughkeepsie
spoonsicecreamandmore.com

Diner

Red Line Diner
Fishkill
dineatredline.com

Distillery

Taconic Distillery
Stanfordville
taconicdistillery.com

Donuts

Glazed Over Donuts
Beacon
glazedoverdonuts.com

Dumplings

Palace Dumpling
Wappingers Falls
palacedumpling.com

Dutchess County Restaurant: Dine In

Mill House Brewing Company
Poughkeepsie
millhousebrewing.com

Dutchess County Restaurant: Takeout

Mill House Brewing Company
Poughkeepsie
millhousebrewing.com

Farm Stand

Meadowbrook Farm Market
Wappingers Falls
Find them on Facebook

Farm-to-Table Cuisine

Heritage Food + Drink
Wappingers Falls
heritagefooddrink.com

Farmer

Allison Turcan
DIG Farm
North Salem
digfarm.org

Farmers Market

Beacon Farmers Market
Beacon
beaconfarmersmarket.org

Fish Market

Sally's Fish Market
Newburgh
sallysfishmarketinc.com

Food Truck

Las Tres Americas
Hughsonville
Find them on Instagram

EVER-CHANGING COCKTAIL MENU

Bia

Gaelic for “sustenance,” Bia features modern Irish cuisine that transports you straight to the Emerald Isle. There’s a creative dinner menu, plus beer, wine, and must-try seasonal cocktails. We recommend the Buck Mulligan — a blend of apple brandy, small-batch Irish rye, lemon, orgeat syrup, Angostura, and Cynar—named for a character in Ulysses. Love Irish coffee? This is the place to get your fix. *Rhinebeck; bia-rbk.com*

FROSÉ

Nostrano Vineyards

If you thought frosé season was only in summer, think again. Nostrano Vineyards serves sensational frozen wine slushies all year long. Paired with Nostranos’ wines, the rotating menu includes delicious options like the Red Moon over Milton in the fall, featuring Minard’s apple cider, dry Riesling and bourbon topped with a maraschino, and springtime’s strawberry frosé with mint garnish. *Milton; nostranovineyards.com*

GLOBAL GROCERY STORE

Old World Market

Decorated with hanging metal wheels, wrought iron, and lanterns, this massive market offers an eclectic, around-the-world shopping experience. You’ll find unique Italian pastas — like radiatore and creste di gallo — kimchi, and freshly-made sushi. Lose yourself in the impressive cheese section with over 250 varieties plus pairings of fig jam, quince, and specialty crackers. There’s also an excellent produce section, prepared food bars, and an in-house butcher and fishmonger. *Nyack; oldworldfoodmarket.com*



French Cuisine

Brasserie 292
Poughkeepsie
brasserie292.com

German Cuisine

Schatzi's Pub & Bier Garden
Poughkeepsie
iloveschatzis.com

Girls' Night Out

The Thayer Hotel's Zulu Time
Rooftop Bar & Lounge
West Point
thethayerhotel.com

Gluten-Free Menu

The Green Bowl
Wappingers Falls
thegreenbowlny.com

Gourmet Shop

Beacon Pantry
Beacon
beaconpantry.com

Grain Bowls

Chakra Bowls
Poughkeepsie
chakrabowlscafe.com

Greek Cuisine

Athena Gyro
Lagrangeville
athenagyrolagrange.com

Greene County Restaurant: Dine In

Rip Van Winkle Brewing
Company
Catskill
ripvanwinklebrewery.com

Greene County Restaurant: Takeout

Rip Van Winkle Brewing
Company
Catskill
ripvanwinklebrewery.com

Happy Hour

County Fare
Wappingers Falls
countyfarebarandgrill.com

Ice Cream

Joe's Dairy Bar & Grill
Hopewell Junction
joesdairybarandgrill.com

Indian Cuisine

Tanjore Cuisine of India
Fishkill

Irish Pub

Mahoney's Irish Pub &
Steakhouse
Poughkeepsie
mahoneysirishpub.com

GUIDED TASTINGS

Whitecliff Vineyard & Winery

Uniquely tailored to customers' personal tastes, Whitecliff's guided tasting is offered every weekend on a first-come, first-served basis. After a chat about your wine preferences and interests, the staff will select six of Whitecliff's 30+ wines for a uniquely customized experience. *Gardiner; whitecliffwine.com*

HOMEMADE POTATO CHIPS

Nooch's Pub & Grill

The little brother of Salt Point favorite, The Fireside BBQ & Grill, this family-owned watering hole serves up pub-style fare that keeps the crowds coming back. One bite of their homemade potato chips will have you hooked. They're served hot (i.e. freshly made) with sandwiches, or order separately as a side.

Millbrook; noochspubmillbrook.com

KID'S MEALS

Peekamoose Restaurant and Tap Room

Trust us, you'll be swiping food off your children's plates. Peekamoose makes an extraordinary grilled cheese, and their pasta with butter and parm is a delicious upgrade for mac and cheese fans. Older kiddos will love the grilled steak with veggies and fries and the wood-grilled, grass-fed burger.

Big Indian; peekamooseresaurant.com

NEW BAKERY

Kelly's Bakery

What started as a quarantine project for professional pastry chef Kevin Halim is now Kelly's Bakery in downtown Poughkeepsie. The spot is a local hit for classics like croissants and sourdough, but it also steals hearts with unconventional treats like



NEW CUBAN RESTAURANT The Cube Inn

This new eatery on Tarrytown's Main Street is earning acclaim for their "killer Cuban cuisine" and Taino African, Creole, Spanish, and Caribbean influence. Start off with empanadas (there are many kinds), or the refreshing ceviche. You'll be tempted to order their classic Cubano, but there are other worthy ham and cheese combos including the Midnight and the Flying Saucer. The mojitos are a must. *Tarrytown; thecubeinn.net*

maple-sesame cookies and avocado toast with furikake. *Poughkeepsie; kellysbakeryph.com*

NEW BUTCHER SHOP

The Meat Wagon

Fleishers and Marbled Meat Shop alum Stefano Diaz recently returned to Kingston and opened The Meat Wagon, a nose-to-tail craft butcher shop, in Midtown. This is more than just a place

to pick up chops and steaks; Diaz has created a community gathering point where curious carnivores can pick up a few tips and educate themselves on the ethics of meat consumption. *Kingston; themeatwagonmobilebutchery.com*

NEW DELI

Lunch Nightly

Yes, it's a deli... but it's so much more. Miles Crettian, the butcher behind the

Italian Cuisine (not a pizzeria)

Cosimo's Brick Oven
Poughkeepsie, Middletown,
Newburgh, and Woodbury
cosimospoughkeepsie.com

Japanese Cuisine

Kobe Hibachi Sushi Asian
Cuisine
Poughkeepsie
kobenyo.com

Juice Bar

Blend Smoothie and Salad Bar
New Windsor
blendsmoothiebar.com

Kid-Friendly Restaurant

Zoe's Ice Cream Barn
Lagrangeville
zoesicecreambarn.com

Latin Cuisine (other than Mexican)

Café Con Leche
Wappingers Falls
nycafeconleche.com

Liquor Store

Viscount Wines & Liquor
Wappingers Falls
viscountwines.com

Mac 'n' Cheese

Mix N Mac
Middletown
mixnmac.com

Mediterranean Cuisine

Athena Gyro
Lagrangeville
athenagyrolagrange.com

Mexican Cuisine

Café Maya
Wappingers Falls
Find them on Facebook?

New Restaurant (East of the Hudson River)

Il Figlio Enoteca
Fishkill
figlioenoteca.com

New Restaurant (West of the Hudson River)

Handsome Devil BBQ
Newburgh
handsomedevillc.com

Orange County Restaurant: Dine In

Hudson Taco
Newburgh
hudsontaco.com

Orange County Restaurant: Takeout

Hudson Taco
Newburgh
hudsontaco.com

counter, serves up delicious sandwiches plus salads and vegetables sourced from local farms. At night, this Kingston hotspot turns into a popping dive bar. **Kingston; lunchnightly.com**

NEW DINING AND EVENT DESTINATION

City Winery Hudson Valley

City Winery Hudson Valley officially has it all: two spacious patios offering views of the Wallkill River and the beautiful, historic property; a massive amphitheater that hosts big-name artists like Southside Johnny and the Asbury Jukes; and a 1920s barn loft that is ideal for weddings. And, of course, the wines are excellent. Go for Sunday brunch and stay for a show. **Montgomery; citywinery.com/hudsonvalley**

NEW DONUT SHOP (WEST OF THE HUDSON RIVER)

Hole in the Wall Donuts by The Anchor

The owners of The Anchor restaurant in Kingston have turned a former laundry room into a donut bakery. Seriously! Hole in the Wall Donuts serves handmade, old-fashioned sour cream donuts in a variety of unexpected flavors like salted caramel with black Hawaiian sea salt, or blueberry lemonade glazed with candied lemon peel. There's even a dill pickle donut. **Kingston; holeinthewallkingston.com**

NEW FOOD MARKET

The Farmhouse Market

In a charming storefront on Cornwall's Main Street, The Farmhouse Market features the very best dry goods, produce, and cheese from local farms and suppliers. Their meat, charcuterie, beer, and cider are perfect for at-home parties. Order a curated picnic basket for a special post-hike lunch. **Cornwall; thefarmhouseny.com**

NEW DONUT SHOP (EAST OF THE HUDSON RIVER)

Peaceful Provisions

After five years of pop-ups and markets, Peaceful Provisions opened a storefront in Beacon in April. The artisan doughnut shop specializes in small-batch and scratch-made vegan doughnuts that taste just as good — or better — than regular doughnuts. Every week visitors are treated to new flavors like peach fritter, s'mores, raspberry lemonade, cinnamon sugar twist and so much more!

Beacon; peacefulprovisions.com



Outdoor Dining (non-waterside)

The Dutchess Biercafe
Fishkill
thedutchessbiercafe.com

Outdoor Dining (waterside)

Shadows on the Hudson
Poughkeepsie
shadowsonthehudson.com

Pet-Friendly Restaurant

Jeanie Bean & Family
Clinton Corners
Find them on Facebook

Pizza (counter-service pizzeria)

Pizza Shop
Newburgh
pizza-shop.com

Pizza (full-service restaurant)

Cosimo's Brick Oven
Poughkeepsie, Middletown, Newburgh, and Woodbury
cosimospoughkeepsie.com

Poke Bowls

Mexicali Blue
New Paltz, Wappingers Falls
mexicali-blue.com

Putnam County Restaurant: Dine In

Hudson House River Inn
Cold Spring
hudsonhouseinn.com

Putnam County Restaurant: Takeout

Hudson Valley Sandwich
Carmel
hudsonvalleysandwich.com

Ramen

Yum Yum Noodle Bar
Kingston, Red Hook, and Woodstock
yumyumnoodlebar.com

Rensselaer County Restaurant: Dine In

Dinosaur Bar-B-Que
Troy
dinosaurbarbque.com

Rensselaer County Restaurant: Takeout

Dinosaur Bar-B-Que
Troy
dinosaurbarbque.com

Restaurant Service

Cosimo's Brick Oven
Poughkeepsie, Middletown, Newburgh, and Woodbury
cosimospoughkeepsie.com

NEW FOOD TRUCK CUISINE

Alima's African Cuisine

Food trucks are a game changer — and so is Alima's African Cuisine. Cruising around markets throughout the region, this truck offers up authentic Burkinabé dishes (the cuisine of Burkina Faso) you can't find anywhere else. Munch on the peanut butter stew with lamb or black-eyed peas with plantains. Owner Alima Bonsa also grows many of her own ingredients. *Chatham; find them on Facebook*

NEW GATHERING SPOT

Early Terrible

This is the sort of place that exudes cool. The sister location to The Mud Club in Woodstock, the venue turns on right when the club transitions from an a.m. bakery and coffee stop to a p.m. sourdough pizza joint. Order a cocktail or glass of wine, then grab a seat at any of the highly Instagrammable spots on the yard. *Woodstock; earlyterrible.com*

NEW MOBILE FOOD EXPERIENCE

The Bus at Salinger's Orchard

Dobbs Ferry chef David DiBari (The Cookery, The Parlor) launched a school-

bus-turned-food-truck on the grounds of Salinger's Orchard in 2020. The result goes beyond the traditional cider-and-donuts experience with chef-driven sandwiches, like chili-honey-doused fried chicken and an upmarket BEC — a side of smashed, beef-fat fries is strongly recommended.

Brewster; find them on Facebook

NEW PIZZA RESTAURANT

Hudson & Packard

Detroit-style pizza has officially arrived in the Hudson Valley. The folks over at Hudson & Packard made their operation a permanent pillar of the Poughkeepsie community with a variety of statement, square slices. Each heaping slice is named after famous American automobiles, like the Hudson Hornet (pickled jalapeño, pepperoni, Mike's Hot Honey) and the Ford Funghi (roasted mushrooms, goat cheese, caramelized onions, truffle oil).

Poughkeepsie; hudsonandpackard.com

NEW WINE BAR

Sonder

If wine bar chic was a term, Sonder would have coined it. This small but mighty spot brings together subway aesthetic — think

Restaurant With a View

Shadows on the Hudson
Poughkeepsie
shadowsonthehudson.com

Rockland County Restaurant: Dine In

Hudson's Mill
Garnerville
hudsonsmillny.com

Rockland County Restaurant: Takeout

The Burger Loft
New City
theburgerloft.com

Romantic Restaurant

Aroma Osteria
Wappingers Falls
aromaosteriarestaurant.com

Rooftop Bar

Zeus Brewing Company
Poughkeepsie
zeusbrewingco.com

Sandwiches

Rosticceria Rossi & Sons
Poughkeepsie
rossideli.com

Seafood Restaurant

Blu Pointe
Newburgh
blu-point.com

Steakhouse

Schlesingers Steakhouse
New Windsor
schlesingerssteakhouse.com

Sushi

Bonsai
Poughkeepsie
bonsaisushiny.com

Tacos

Hudson Taco
Newburgh
hudsontaco.com

Thai Cuisine

Sukhothai Restaurant
Beacon
sukhothainy.com

U-Pick Farm

Fishkill Farms
Hopewell Junction
fishkillfarms.com

Ulster County Restaurant: Dine In

Mountain Brauhaus Restaurant
Gardiner
mountainbrauhaus.com

Ulster County Restaurant: Takeout

Lola's Cafe
New Paltz and Poughkeepsie
lolascafeandcatering.com

Vegan Menu

The Green Bowl
Wappingers Falls
thegreenbowlny.com



NEW GOLF COURSE RESTAURANT

Millstream Tavern

From the masterminds behind The Dutch Ale House and Windmill Wine & Spirits comes Millstream Tavern, a newcomer that locals love. The restaurant sits on the grounds of the Woodstock Golf Club, and its seafood-centric, farm-to-table fare makes it a dream destination for lunch before hitting the green or dinner after day tripping. *Woodstock; millstreamtavern.com*

tiles and sticker collages — with bohemian vibes. Turn to the roll paper for the current drink rotation; chilled white or red, pét-nat, and rosé make frequent appearances. Pair your BTG (by the glass) orders with a snack of snap peas with ricotta, pickled shallot, and mint, or local beets with spicy mayo and furikake. Pro tip: ask for bottles beyond BTG and you may just get to taste the owner's local favorites. **Hudson;** sonderhudson.com

ONE-STOP SHOP FOR STREET FOOD

Hudson Valley Food Hall

Beacon is one of the most walkable cities in the Valley, and visitors definitely work up an appetite. To the rescue: Hudson Valley Food Hall. Miz Hattie's BBQ hands out pulled pork sandies and brisket bowls, while Barb's Fryworks does loaded French fries like no other. Finish off with ice cream sundaes and loaded Liège waffles from Schmuck's Sweet Stuff. **Beacon;** [find them on Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/hudsonvalleyfoodhall)

ORGANIC WINE SELECTION

Kingston Wine Co.

At this Rondout shop — one of the first to emphasize natural wines in the Hudson Valley — owner Michael Drapkin fills the shelves with more than 600 intriguing, diverse bottles. Roughly 75 to 80 percent fall into the organic, biodynamic, and natural categories, like a dry German Stein rosé and the shop's private label Riesling. **Kingston;** kingstonwine.com



OLIVE OIL AND VINEGAR TASTING ROOM The Blue Olive Shop

If our associate editor's mom drove 45+ minutes to buy out a shelf of Blue Olive's specialty oils — you know it's good. The shop's goal is to bring the purest vinegars and olive oils from around the world to the Hudson Valley, and you'll want to taste them all. We recommend the pesto or Italian lemon infused EVOO. **Pawling and Cold Spring;** theblueoliveshop.com

**Westchester County
Restaurant: Dine In**
Benjamin Steakhouse
White Plains
benjaminsteakhouse.com

**Westchester County
Restaurant: Takeout**
Benjamin Steakhouse
White Plains
benjaminsteakhouse.com

Wine Bar
di'Vine Wine Bar
Wappingers Falls
divinewinebarwappingers.com

Wine Store
Viscount Wines & Liquor
Wappingers Falls
viscountwines.com

Winery
Millbrook Vineyards & Winery
Millbrook
millbrookwine.com

FUN & LEISURE
Bed & Breakfast
Beacon Bed and Breakfast
Beacon
beaconbnb.com

Bike & Rail Trail
Dutchess Rail Trail
Wappingers Falls

Boutique Hotel
Shandaken Inn
Shandaken
shandakeninn.com

Bowling Alley
Spins Bowl
Carmel, Poughkeepsie, and
Wappingers Falls
spinsbowl.com

Fair
Dutchess County Fair
Rhinebeck
dutchessfair.com

Farm to Take the Family
Hurds Family Farm
Modena
hurdsfarm.com

Festival
Sheep & Wool Festival
Rhinebeck
sheepandwool.com

Golf Course (Public)
McCann Memorial Golf Course
Poughkeepsie
mccanngolfcourse.com

Hiking Spot
High Falls Conservation Area
Hudson

Hotel Design
The Maker
Hudson
themaker.com



PLACE TO GET A PIZZA OVEN Forza Forni

Did you know that the Hudson Valley is also home to a global leader in Italian-manufactured pizza ovens? Whether you're an aspiring food truck owner or want to elevate your backyard kitchen, Forza Forni offers high-end Neapolitan, traditional rotating, or Roman ovens to craft the pizza menu of your dreams. The Parlor and Sloop Brewing Co. are just two of the many regional restaurants with Forza Forni-crafted ovens. *Brewster; forzaforni.com*

RESTAURANT REINVENTION

Il Figlio Enoteca

After closing Il Barilotto in 2020, restaurateur Scott Rosenberg opened Il Figlio Enoteca in Fishkill embodying many of the qualities regulars loved about the previous fine-dining experience (doting service and fabulous Italian fare, including luscious fresh pasta) in a new, beautifully designed, much larger space with an all-new cocktail program.

Fishkill; figlioenoteca.com

REIMAGINING OF CLASSIC RESTAURANT

Homespun Foods

Fifteen years ago, owner Jessica Reisman was a Beacon pioneer due to the immediate success of Homespun Foods, her fresh, casual fare restaurant with a big backyard. Now it's in the capable hands of sommelier Joe Robitaille, who brings an impressive wine list to pair with a fun salad and sandwich menu. Craft beers and ciders are also available. *Beacon; homespunfoods.com*

ROSÉ WINERY

Milea Estate Vineyard

We can rosé all day, and so can Milea. This 2020 Rosé Winery of the Year — awarded by the International Wine Competition — isn't here to play. The vineyard's rosés attract loyal customers

Hotel Restaurant

Mohonk Mountain House
New Paltz
mohonk.com

Hudson River Cruise

River Rose Cruises
New Windsor
riverrosecruises.com

Ice Skating Rink

Bear Mountain State Park
Bear Mountain
parks.ny.gov/parks/bearmountain

Independent Hotel or Resort

Diamond Mills Hotel
Saugerties
diamondmillshotel.com

Paint & Sip Venue

Zhane's Palette Studio
Poughkeepsie
zhanespalettestudio.com

Paddlesport Rental

Mountain Tops Outfitters
Beacon
mountaintopsoutfitters.com

Park

Greenport Conservation Area
Chatham

Picnic Spot

Vanderbilt Mansion National
Historic Site
Hyde Park

Roller Skating Rink

Roller Magic
Hyde Park
hydeparkrollermagic.com

Ski Area

Catamount Mountain Resort
Hillsdale
catamountski.com

Trivia Night

Buzzer Trivia with DJ Flash
Tony
Pizza E Birra
Poughkeepsie
pizzaebirranewyork.com

ARTS & CULTURE

Art Classes for Adults

Zhane's Palette Studio
Poughkeepsie
zhanespalettestudio.com

Art Gallery

Garner Arts Center
Garnerville
garnerartscenter.org

Arts Center

Garner Arts Center
Garnerville
garnerartscenter.org

and newcomers for their easy-to-drink, non-intimidating qualities. Its popular 2019 Rosé is made from Merlot grapes that bring forward crisp white cherry and peach notes; the recently released (and best-selling) 2019 Rosé of Pinot Noir is a cherry extravaganza. *Staatsburg; mileaestatevineyard.com*

SMALL-BATCH HONEY PRODUCER

Phoenicia Honey Co.

Rebecca Shim knows the buzz when it comes to honey. As the queen bee of Phoenicia Honey Co., Shim works with

local beekeepers and apiaries to source small-batch honey for her culinary and wellness products. The raw blends of chocolate and bergamot or earl grey really hit the spot. The wellness honey is highly recommended to soothe your winter cold. *Phoenicia; phoeniciahoney.com*

SMOKED BRISKET

Smoky Rock BBQ

Priding itself on authentic New York Style BBQ, Smoky Rock turns out killer brisket, all made with Prime Black Angus Beef and flavored with an artisan spice

SPICY CHICKEN SANDWICH **Lola's Café**

While you'll be hard pressed to find an item on Lola's menu that disappoints, their hot chicken sandwich is something to write home about. Tender chicken is dipped in buttermilk and fried to perfection and topped with pickles, romaine, and sriracha ranch. Need we say more?

*Poughkeepsie and New Paltz;
lolascafeandcatering.com*



Children's Dance School

Betty Jean's Dance Studio
Wappingers Falls
bjdsdance.com

Children's Music Program

New Windsor Music Academy
New Windsor
newwindsormusicacademy.com

Comic Book Store

Megabrain Comics
Rhinebeck
megabraincomics.com

Dance Classes (Adults)

Queen City Dance
Poughkeepsie
queencitydance.com

Drive-In Theater

Greenville Drive-In
Greenville
drivein32.com

Educational Programs

Two by Two Zoo
Pleasant Valley
twobytwozoo.com

Educational Programs for Adults

Dutchess BOCES
Poughkeepsie
dcboces.org

Historic Site

Franklin D. Roosevelt National
Historic Site
Hyde Park

Historical Society

Wappingers Historical Society
Wappingers Falls
wappingershistoricalsociety.org

Independent Bookstore (East of the Hudson River)

Oblong Books & Music
Rhinebeck
oblongbooks.com

Independent Bookstore (West of the Hudson River)

The Barking Goose Bookstore
Bar & Cafe
Newburgh
barkinggoosebookbar.com

Indoor Music Venue

Bardavon
Poughkeepsie
bardavon.org

Library

Grinnell Library
Wappingers Falls
grinnell-library.org

Live Music Joint (East of Hudson River)

Daryl's Restaurant & Live
Music Club
Pawling
darylshouseclub.com



SOUTHERN BRUNCH Mama Roux

Get down with a funky brunch every Sunday at Mama Roux. With blues and soul music filling the air, this brunch menu features classic dishes and seasonal specials inspired by New Orleans and French cuisine. Look for standout dishes like snow crab benedict, shrimp and grits, and Korean fried chicken and waffles. Don't miss the outstanding cocktail menu and mouth-watering desserts like French cruller and crème. *Newburgh; mama-roux.com*

blend. It's slow smoked and hand-carved to eat alone or on a delicious sandwich. *Rhinebeck; smokyrockbbq.com*

SOURDOUGH BREAD

Pawling Bread Co.

What started as a basement operation is now a staple storefront in the heart of Pawling. While the folks here serve pastries, cheese, and coffee, it's the bread that's all the rage. Their sourdough is perfectly tangy with a crisp crust. You'll be tempted to pick up a fresh loaf every week.

Pawling; pawlingbreadco.com

SPICY CREAM CHEESE

West Haverstraw Bagels

We New Yorkers know that the best bagel joints are always the unassuming

ones and this one is no exception. Although they offer many cream cheese flavors, the standout is their savory and spicy jalapeño bacon cheddar. We love it on a toasted everything — but honestly, any bagel will do it justice.

West Haverstraw; whbageldeli.com

SPOT FOR A ROMANTIC SUSHI DATE

Sushi Bada

With twinkle lights in the windows and a cozy ambiance inside, Sushi Bada is a dream for date nights. The menu features highly craveable rolls like the Salmon Love, made with spicy salmon and tobiko, not to mention staples like seaweed salad and gyoza. The sake and imported beer offerings are top-notch, too. *Suffern; sushibada59.com*

STUFFED NAAN

Cinnamon Indian Cuisine

Naan is, of course, a staple in Indian cuisine, but when you stuff it with tangy goat cheese, you've got something new — and delicious. Dutchess County foodies are in for a treat with Cinnamon's naan upgrade, filled rich, organic Acorn Hill Farm goat cheese and a chaat masala spice mix. There is no better accompaniment for a bowl of Murgh Shahi Korma. *Rhinebeck; cinnamoncuisine.com*

TINY RESTAURANT

The Grange

This Warwick eatery is small, but mighty. With just six indoor tables and one coveted perch on the front porch, the food is more of what you'd

Live Music Joint (West of Hudson River)

The Falcon
Marlboro
liveatthefalcon.com

Martial Arts School

Fighting Spirit Martial Arts & Fitness
Gardiner
fskmartialartsandfitness.com

Movie Theater (Independent)

Upstate Films
Rhinebeck
upstatefilms.org

Museum

Dia:Beacon
Beacon
diaart.org

Music Classes for Adults

New Windsor Music Academy
New Windsor
newwindsormusicacademy.com

Outdoor Music Venue

The Center for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck
Rhinebeck
centerforperformingarts.org

Portrait Photographer

Krys DeRosa Photography
Newburgh
krysderosa.com

Record Store

Darkside Records
Poughkeepsie or Kingston
darksiderecords.com

Theater (Community)

County Players at the Falls Theatre
Wappingers Falls
countypayers.org

Theater (Professional)

Bardavon
Poughkeepsie
bardavon.org

Virtual Events

The Center for Performing Arts
at Rhinebeck
Rhinebeck
centerforperformingarts.org

HEALTH, BEAUTY & FITNESS

Barber Shop

In the Cut Barbershop
Fishkill
trendsinnthecut.com

Beauty Salon

Revive Your Hair Spa & Juice
New Windsor
reviveyourhairspa.com

Boxing Classes

FitSocial
Poughkeepsie
fitsocialstudio.com

Colorist

Jessica Gaffney
Revive Your Hair Spa & Juice
New Windsor
reviveyourhairspa.com

Day Spa (non-resort)

The Little Owl Spa
Poughkeepsie
thelittleowlspa.com

Day Spa (resort)

Buttermilk Falls Inn & Spa
Milton
buttermilkfallsinn.com

Eyebrow Shaping

Erica Pagentine
Society of Lash
Newburgh
societyoflash.com

Facial

Skin by Eve
Wappingers Falls
skincarebyeve.com

Hairstylist

Thairapy 101
Goshen
[Find them on Facebook](#)

Health Food Store

Nature's Pantry
Fishkill
naturespantryhv.com

Health/Fitness Club

FitSocial
Poughkeepsie
fitsocialstudio.com

Laser Hair Removal

Skin by Eve
Wappingers Falls
skincarebyeve.com

expect at a fine dining restaurant: farm-fresh vegetables, wild-caught fish, grass-fed burgers, local duck, and more. **Warwick;** thegrangewarwick.com

TO-GO CRAFT COCKTAILS

The Spirits Lab

At this newbie Newburgh distillery, our favorite way to sample the superlative spirits is to take home a large-format bottle of creative craft cocktails. Options run the gamut from the twist-on-a-classic blood orange Old Fashioned or hibiscus Cosmopolitan to a refreshing Southside, made with Spirits Lab's signature East End Gin. **Newburgh;** thespiritslab.com

WOOD-FIRED BURGER

Roe Jan Brewing Co.

This brewery is the latest tenant of a 170-year-old building that's been home to numerous operations — from general stores and shirt factories to lumber storage and even a pop-up gallery. What keeps us coming back for more are the wood-fired burgers, all served on a brioche bun with the works. Patty options include beef, salmon, turkey, and veggie legume. **Hillsdale;** roejanbrewing.com

Fun & Leisure

1960S-STYLE MOTOR LODGE

Starlite Motel

Starlite Motel isn't the type of stay you'd find in *Schitt's Creek*. The motel transformed tacky design into modern vibes, with a comfy getaway featuring hardwood floors, retro-tiled baths, and Wi-Fi. There's even a saltwater pool and fire pit. For a nifty souvenir, pick up their fabric homage of a classic 1960s motel-room key fob. **Kerhonkson;** thestarlitemotel.com

BASEBALL NEWS

Hudson Valley Renegades

The next Derek Jeter or Aaron Judge might have an 845 area code. Nearly a year ago, Hudson Valley baseball fans learned that their beloved Renegades were the new official farm team of the New York Yankees. The 'Gades also earned their first full season as a High-A team since the 90s. **Wappingers Falls;** milb.com/hudson-valley

BIKING TRAIL (IN THE WORLD)

Empire State Trail

New York is many things: bustling cities, picturesque valleys, charming villages and pastorals, and much more. The Empire State Trail connects them all. From Manhattan to Hudson Valley, and then forking west to

Buffalo and north to the Adirondacks, this 750-mile-long route gives hikers and bikers a scenic glimpse at all that New York has to offer. **Albany;** empiretrail.ny.gov

CONCEPT FOR AN AIRBNB

Hobbit Hollow

Yes, there's a hobbit house in the Hudson Valley. Let that sink in. Then head to Airbnb to book a night at Hobbit Hollow, the earth-sheltered passive house in Pawling that's straight out of *The Lord of the Rings*. With its energy-efficient design and movie-themed details, it's 100-percent Frodo approved. And did we mention there's a hot tub? **Pawling;** [find them on Airbnb](#)

LAND & WATER TOUR

Bannerman Island and Storm King

Adventures Tours

Once a military surplus warehouse, this abandoned but stunning gem is a top Hudson Valley excursion. Learn about its interesting past and walk among the deteriorating building by booking a cruise or kayak tour. Though a bit nippy, kayaking to Bannerman Island in the fall is a win-win for stunning foliage and castle views.

Cornwall-on-Hudson; bannermancastle.org
and stormkingadventuretours.com

NEW AMUSEMENT PARK

LEGOLAND New York Resort

Don your hard hats and get building, LEGO fans. LEGOLAND New York opened its doors in Goshen this year after much anticipation. That wait paid off in spades: guests can explore entire cities made of LEGO bricks, ride the Dragon roller coaster, and live the life of a minifigure before settling in for the evening. Five different room themes make nights at its hotel unforgettable.

Goshen; legoland.com/new-york

NEW DESTINATION

Hutton Brickyards

The historic event venue was once a functioning brickyard that exported bricks into Manhattan. Fast forward to 2021, Hutton Brickyards is one of the hottest Valley destinations with 73 acres of personal cabin accommodations, a luxurious spa, gourmet cuisine headed by acclaimed Executive Chef Dan Silverman, formerly of NYC's Balthazar and Minetta Tavern, and captivating views of the Hudson. **Kingston;** huttonbrickyards.com

NEW GOLF COURSE

INNISS

Celebrating the incredible nature of the Valley, INNISS is an "intimate country refuge and members club" complete with a hotel, restaurant,

BEST OF HUDSON VALLEY

organic farm, and several athletic pursuits — now including a large golfing green. The course spans over 55,000 square feet and features stunning views from the double putting green to the third hole on the grounds' highest peak.

Accord; inness.co

NEW WINTER FESTIVAL

Bethel Woods Center for the Arts: Peace, Love, and Lights

Don't miss the Valley's newest holiday tradition. Bethel Woods Center for the Arts designed a one-mile drive-through seasonal lights display, where guests can travel through the 120-foot Twinkle Tunnel, the psychedelic Groovy Way, Candy Cane Lane, and The Enchanted Forest. Peace, Love, and Lights ticket holders also get discounted entry to the museum.

Bethel; bethelwoodscenter.org

PANDEMIC PIVOT BY A MOVIE THEATER

Upstate Films

Covid has been especially difficult for movie theaters, and movie-goers. To celebrate the return of cinema, landmark Rhinebeck institution Upstate Films took its show on the road. The Hudson Valley Picture Show held open-air screenings at Opus 40, The Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome, Kaatsbaan, and other iconic destinations. Del's Roadside traveled alongside Upstate, bringing fresh scoops of ice cream to every showing.

Rhinebeck; upstatefilms.org

PARK TO HONOR VETERANS

Lasdon Park & Arboretum

At this 234-acre public park, you can explore both classical gardens and serene woods. But the most notable element is the free Westchester County Veterans Museum, documenting those who fought for our country, dating back to the Revolutionary War. You'll also find four memorials honoring Westchester residents who have served in the armed forces.

Katonah; lasdonpark.org

RUSTIC-CHIC GETAWAY

Urban Cowboy Lodge

This lodge is fit for a king — and a cowboy. Discover the scenic hiking trails and streams of the Big Indian Wilderness, or spend a cozy day inside, surrounded by American antiques and stone fireplaces. Close your day with a strong cocktail or local beer before a much-needed relaxing soak in a clawfoot bathtub.

Big Indian; urbancowboy.com/catskills



AIRBNB FOR ANIMAL LOVERS Goat Glamping

How does an escape to a magical corner of Dutchess County filled with pygmy goats, countryside walks, and stargazing sound? Thanks to Hudson Valley author and Airbnb host B.J. Forte, it's a dream-come-true experience in Red Hook. The Airbnb is popular among animal lovers and features a cozy glamp, strolls with the goats, a fire pit, and Wi-Fi, too. *Red Hook; find them on Airbnb*

Lash Studio

Society of Lash
Newburgh
societyoflash.com

Makeup Artist

Gina Longo Taylor
Newburgh
The Face Place LLC

Manicure & Pedicure

Sage Nail & Spa
Poughkeepsie
sagenailspa.com

Massage

Amore' Day Spa
Newburgh
amoredayspanewburgh.com

Medispa

Hebe Medical Spa
Fishkill
thehebespa.com

Mind and Body Programs

Barre Body & Soul
New Windsor
barrebodyand soul.com

MMA (Mixed Martial Arts) Classes

Precision Boxing & MMA
Poughkeepsie
precisionmixedmartialarts.com

Personal Trainer

Krista Ferrara
FitBody by Krista
Brewster
fitbodybykrista.com

Pilates Studio

Barre Body & Soul
New Windsor
barrebodyand soul.com

Place for Yoga

Mindful Yoga with Liz
Poughkeepsie
mindfullyogawithliz.com

HIDDEN GEM PUBLIC GOLF COURSE Copake Country Club

Take a visit to this breathtaking and serene 18-hole golf course adjacent to the gorgeous Berkshire Mountains. The setting makes it easy to survey Copake Lake itself, as well as the surrounding Columbia County. It's a million-dollar view — minus the hefty membership fee for a private country club.

Craryville;
copakecountryclub.com

SMALL HIKE, BIG VIEWS

Burger Hill

At the tippy top of this popular hiking trail, you'll be greeted by some of the best views in the Hudson Valley. While the hike is steep, the reward is worth it — the panoramic view of rolling mountains doesn't get much better. A map carved into the slabs of rock atop the hill identifies the surrounding mountain peaks. *Rhinebeck*

THEMED BOUTIQUE

The Old Catskill Game Farm Inn

Embark on a safari-style stay in the heart of the Catskills. The Old Catskill Game Farm Inn celebrates the region's history and converted an abandoned zoo into a relaxing hotel. We especially like the Giraffe Room, a former giraffe-barn-turned-suite with a walk-in shower and three-person jacuzzi. Plus, explore three and a half miles of paved trails through the zoo's ruins.

Catskill; theoldgamefarm.com



Salon for Black Hair

Get Flawless by Ijala Hair and Beauty Salon
Middletown
getflawlessbyijala.com

Spin Studio

The Wheel House
Poughkeepsie
wheelhouseny.com

Spray Tan

Christine Zaluski
Newburgh
societyoflash.com

Teacher

Shihan Sean Schenker,
Fighting Spirit Martial Arts & Fitness
Gardiner
fskmartialartsandfitness.com

Virtual Fitness Class

The Wheel House
Poughkeepsie
wheelhouseny.com

Waxing

The Blushery
Beacon
theblushery.com

HOME & GARDEN

Appliance Store

Sohns Appliance Center
Marlboro, Walden
sohnsappliancecenter.com

Architect

Mauri Architects PC
Poughkeepsie
mauri-architects.com

Contractor

Baxter Building Corporation
Poughkeepsie
baxterbuilt.com

Furniture Store

Millsbaugh Furniture
Walden
millsbaugh.com



RESORT FOR HIKERS Mohonk Mountain House

This beloved retreat is perfect for anyone looking to get away from it all. With over 85 miles of scenic trails, ranging from beginner to advanced, plus easy access to plenty of additional trails in the area, it's a hiker's paradise. After a long day, you can look forward to luxurious accommodations (nothing beats a room with a view), indulge in meditative spa treatments, and feast on extraordinary farm-to-table cuisine. *New Paltz; mohonk.com*

by funky decor and mementos that celebrate the site's legacy.

Woodstock; bearsvilletheater.com

Health, Beauty & Fitness

NEW GALLERY SPACE

ArtPort Kingston

Though the new kids on the block, ArtPort Kingston is bringing expert takes on culture and contemporary art to the historic Cornell Steamboat building along the Rondout Creek in Kingston. The space is colorful and interactive, promising performances, exhibits, and workshops that will change the way you think about connecting with art. A family-friendly platform, there are rainbow sculptures and eye-catching paintings galore.

Kingston; artportkingston.com

AT-HOME COSMETIC SERVICES

Hedera Spa

Anti-aging treatments in the comfort of your own home? Yes please. Options such as laser skin rejuvenation and a Furrow Furlough (to erase forehead lines) are administered by a board-certified physician licensed in medical aesthetics.

www.hederaspa.com

HAIR EXTENSIONS

Shear Perfection Salon

Yelp is like a megaphone turned up to 11 for disgruntled customers. So how did this salon earn five stars on the

Arts & Culture

INDOOR MUSIC VENUE

Bearsville Theater

Known for Albert Grossman's (AKA "The Baron of Bearsville") iconic rock 'n' roll record label, this theater's deep musical history shines. Bearsville has given a stage to trailblazers for decades — Bob Dylan, Janis Joplin, and Peter, Paul and Mary to name a few. It continues to be a platform for up-and-coming musicians, surrounded

Hardware Store

Williams Lumber & Home Centers
Rhinebeck
williamslumber.com

Home Goods Store

Foundry42
Port Jervis
f42home.com

HVAC Company

T. Webber Plumbing, Heating, Air & Electric
Cold Spring
twebber.com

Interior Design

FW Interiors Design
Wappingers Falls
fwinteriorsdesign.com

Landscape Design

Neave Group Outdoor Solutions
Briarcliff Manor and Wappingers Falls
neavegroup.com

Light Fixture Selections

Hudson Valley Lighting
Wappingers Falls
hudsonvalleylighting.hvlgroup.com

Moving Company (not a chain)

Arnoff Moving & Storage
Poughkeepsie
arnoff.com

Nursery/Garden Center

Adams Fairacre Farms
Kingston, Newburgh, Poughkeepsie, and Wappingers Falls
adamsfarms.com

Pool Specialist

Neave Group Outdoor Solutions
Briarcliff Manor and Wappingers Falls
neavegroup.com

notoriously brutal site? Primarily by being *the* spot for hair extensions. Chic cuts and blowouts are available too, plus, most recently, nail services.

Middletown; find them on Facebook

NEW GYM

The Gymnasium at The Maker

Just doors down from the elegant The Maker hotel, you'll find a super cool 1920s-style fitness center. We're talking Golden Age classics like reclaimed pommel horses, antique rings, and speed bags. Of course, new-age technology is also available for members or day pass holders. After your workout — which can include personal training or group classes — head over to The Gymnasium's connected Juice Bar for herb-packed drinks and protein shakes.

Hudson; themakergymnasium.com

RESOURCE WHEN A LOVED ONE NEEDS COMFORT OR CARE

Hudson Valley Hospice

You'd do anything for a loved one facing their last days. Yet the kindest course of action is often to do a little less, at least on your own. Instead, contact this not-for-profit agency, serving Dutchess and Ulster counties. Beyond medical support, their healthcare workers use aromatherapy, music, Reiki, and other soothing techniques to ensure their patients' are calm and comfortable.

Poughkeepsie and Kingston; hvhospice.org

Home & Garden

BOTANICAL SHOP (NORTH)

The Quiet Botanist

Follow Cherry Alley to an unassuming door and be transported to the garden shop of your dreams. Botanical aromas and dried flowers infuse your senses as you stroll through the ambient shop. Take home one of

WALKABLE GARDEN Innisfree Garden

Experience the work of landscape architect Lester Collins as you meander through the serene grounds of this peaceful oasis. Over fifty years in the making, the landscape blends modernist and Romantic iterations with traditional Chinese and Japanese garden design. Along the way, you'll find beautiful rock formations, creeks, and of course, breathtaking greenery and blooms.

Millbrook; innisfreegarden.org



Real Estate Firm

Berkshire Hathaway Home
Services Hudson Valley
Properties
Lagrangeville
bhhs.com

Realtor

Ryan Arket, Compass
Millbrook
compass.com

Roofer

RJW Renovations
Hopewell Junction
rjwrenovations.com

Tile Selection

Best Tile
Wappingers Falls
besttile.com

Tree Care Specialist

Kohlmaier Arbor Care
Hopewell Junction
kohlmaierarborcare.com

SHOPPING & SERVICES

Antiques Shop

Newburgh Vintage Emporium Ware-
House
Newburgh
newburghvintageemporium.com

Auto Dealership

Ruge's Automotive
Rhinebeck
rugesauto.com

Auto Repair

Foreign Car Specialists
Poughkeepsie
foreigncarspecialistsny.com

Baby/Children's Clothing Store

Waddle n Swaddle
Poughkeepsie
waddlenswaddle.com



HIDDEN GEM Russel & Mary Wright Design Gallery

Nestled in a whimsical and mossy landscape, Russel Wright's modernist, eco-sensitive home, named Dragon Rock, is a must-visit for mid-century design lovers. (In 1962 it was the first private home ever featured in *Life* magazine). Wright was an American industrial designer best known for his very popular, colorful tableware — which is featured in the newly opened design gallery along with 200 other objects, including his early experiments with spun aluminum. Don't miss out on the stunning Sunset Tours, which cast the home in a whole new light.

Garrison; visitmanitoga.com

their pre-arranged dried bouquets or shop their apothecary for all your natural skincare needs.

Hudson; thequietbotanist.com

NATIVE PLANT NURSERY

Catskill Native Nursery

This Ulster County gardening shop sells easy-care plants that spruce up your yard and boost the environment. Catskill Native Nursery specializes in hardy flowers, shrubs, and trees that thrive in our region; their nursery-propagate native plants provide habitats for birds, bees, butterflies, and other wildlife. The owners are experts in all things planting and design, and they sell herbs, unique pottery, and garden art, too.

Kerhonkson;
catskillnativenursery.com

NEW RIVER VIEW TOWNHOMES

River Ridge at Beacon

Sitting atop a hill next to the historic Reformed Dutch Church in Beacon, these townhomes overlook the Hudson and surrounding mountains offering residents breathtaking views and refined living. While the riverscape is a huge selling point, proximity to the Metro-North and bustling Main Street can't be beat.

Beacon; riverridgeatbeacon.com

ONE-STOP-SHOP FOR YOUR HOME

Williams Lumber & Home Centers

A depot for everything your house needs, Williams has been providing the Hudson Valley with building materials, hardware, masonry, and more since 1946. Their goal is to make home improvement hassle-free, by offering services from material delivery to power tool repair and propane refills. Once your home has good bones, don't forget to take advantage of Williams' design center.

Rhinebeck; williamslumber.com

Bargain Shopping

Elite Repeat Consignment
Boutique
New City
eliterepeatny.com

Bridal Shop

Wild Blooms Bridal
Wappingers Falls
wildbloomsbridal.com

Car/Limo Service

Hudson Valley Concierge
Service
Poughkeepsie
hvconcierge.com

Computer Repair

IT Connections
Poughkeepsie
itconnectionsny.com

Consignment Shop

Elite Repeat Consignment
Boutique
New City
eliterepeatny.com

Crafts/Hobby Store

Hobby House
Poughkeepsie
hobbyhouse.business.site

Fabric Store

Beetle and Fred
Beacon
beetleandfred.com

Florist

Flowers by Angel
Poughkeepsie
flowersbyangel.com

Gift Shop (not at a hotel)

Lilly Rae in the Hamlet
Highland
lillyraeinthelamlet.com

Graphic Design

Tipsy Social
Pleasant Valley
getwithtipsy.com

SOURCING AND RESTORING VINTAGE HOME GOODS

Hudson Valley House Parts

This hub for local restoration sells one-of-a-kind pieces for those who don't want their home to look like everyone else's. Inventory is ever changing, but offerings range from chairs and doors to chandeliers and gargoyles.

Newburgh; hvhouseparts.com

SUSTAINABLE GARDENING SUPPLIES

The Phantom Gardener

For more than 20 years, this plant-lovers' paradise outside Rhinebeck has been a must-visit for sustainable and organic gardeners. The six-acre center offers a wide variety of tools, materials, and gifts. Plus, year-round events and workshops offer the community a way to connect and grow, and never disappoint.

Rhinebeck; thephantomgardener.com

PLACE TO BUY ANTIQUE FURNITURE

The Antique Warehouse

This warehouse-within-a-warehouse boasts over 3,000 items in stock in every style and period of architecture. You can literally get lost for hours here. The Antique Warehouse is the largest independently-owned emporium of its kind in the Northeast. Each visit is the grown-up equivalent of a kid in a candy shop — you'll never know what treats you'll find.

Hudson; theantiquewarehousehudsonny.com

NEW BEAUTY SERVICE

Spa Fleet Mobile Sauna Rental

Have relaxation delivered to right to your doorstep: rent a portable outdoor sauna for a day (or longer). It comes with easy operating instructions, or you can choose a fully staffed service. The disinfected, wood-fired, Finnish-style dry sauna fits up to eight people and even a changing room. You can even groove while you sweat — just switch on the sauna's built-in sound system.

Rosendale-based; spafleetrental.com

NEW REAL ESTATE OFFICE

Corcoran Country Living

The Corcoran Group, known for its luxury real estate offerings, has brought five locations to the Hudson Valley with Corcoran Country Living. Their presence represents a natural expansion into the area's sizzling first- and second-home market. A well-respected and recognizable brand, Corcoran's arrival is expected to reach an unprecedented number of city-based buyers and sellers.

Hudson, Kingston, Millbrook, Rhinebeck, and Woodstock; corcoran.com

Shopping & Services

ATHLETIC AND CASUAL KICKS

Pegasus Footwear

For more than 30 years, this classic shoe store has been the Valley's go-to for trendy and comfy footwear. A variety of styles are available, like clogs, sandals, and hiking shoes. Pegasus even has some vegan leather options. *New Paltz, Rhinebeck, and Woodstock; pegasusshoes.com*

ARTISAN JEWELRY SHOP

Mary MacGill

Germantown's quaint Main Street offers a surprisingly bespoke shopping experience. One of the standouts is Mary MacGill, a jewelry shop where simple and elegant 14K gold jewelry (with semi-precious stones and baroque pearls) is crafted by hand. You'll also find some casual clothing and a rotating selection of home and art items, all chosen with a sophisticated eye. *Germantown; marymacgill.com*

BRIDAL BUSINESS EDUCATOR

Megan Garmers

Bridal entrepreneurs: brush up on your I dos and don'ts of wedding business

with MG Hair & Makeup's masterclass curriculum. It teaches the ins and outs of the biz, from business strategies for team management to advanced makeup techniques. You'll be learning from the best, too; MG's makeup artists and hair stylists have a wealth of knowledge to elevate your custom look and event.

New York; mghairandmakeup.com

CUSTOM FURNITURE

Milne, Inc.

This is not your typical design company. At the spacious atelier in Kingston's Rondout neighborhood, visitors can browse through carefully curated selections of vintage, industrial, antique, or custom pieces. Can't find a piece that calls to you? Milne Inc. will source or create it.

Kingston; shopmilne.com

GLASSWARE SHOP

Hudson Beach Glass

Striking, original glassware is on full display at the Hudson Beach Glass studio — housed in a restored 19th century Beacon firehouse. The shop offers a glittering array of designs, from barware and blown vases to glow-in-the-dark marbles. Upstairs, visitors can watch demonstrations of glass blowing and view art installations.

Beacon; hudsonbeachglassshop.com

HOME COMING

The Snooki Shop

Nicole Polizzi, the iconic *Jersey Shore* cast member has journeyed from beach boardwalks to her native Hudson Valley. Snooki returned home to bring her signature style to her second brick-and-mortar store in Beacon (the other one is in Madison, NJ). Though you won't find DJ Pauly D or JWovv the shop offers plenty of animal prints, bright colors, and homages to the show. Snooki pops in occasionally, so be sure to give her a warm Valley welcome.

Beacon; thesnookishop.com

Hotel Gift Shop
Mohonk Mountain House
New Paltz
mohonk.com

Jewelry Store
Kaliada
Warwick
kaliada.com

Luxury Rentals
LaGrange Farms at Overlook
Poughkeepsie
lagrangefarmshvny.com

Menswear
Last Outpost Store
Beacon
lastoutpoststore.com

Outdoors Sports Store
Northern Dutchess Archery & Sportsman Supply
Red Hook
ndarchery.com

Senior Living Center (East of the Hudson River)
Vassar-Warner Home
Poughkeepsie
vasserwarner.org

Senior Living Center (West of the Hudson River)
Woodland Pond at New Paltz
New Paltz
woodlandpondnp.com

Shoe Repair
Kim's Shoe Repair
Wappingers Falls

Shoe Store
Pegasus Footwear
New Paltz
pegasusshoes.com

Ski Shop
Potter Brothers
Fishkill
potterbrothers.com



BOTANICAL SHOP (SOUTH) Bridge Street Botanical

Green your scene by heading to this quaint shop off Nyack's Main Street for living décor, like a 4" Brazilian tropical plant called Freddie (cute, right?) or a 10" monstera deliciosa, which has pretty, palm-like fronds (despite a name worthy of Little Shop of Horrors). Don't miss the lovely selection of planters, gifts, personal-care items, and whimsical home accessories.

Nyack; bridgestreetbotanical.com

MOM & DAUGHTER DESIGNS

Abigail Rose & Lily Too

If you're looking to spruce up your fall wardrobe with unique items, look no further than this women's and children's boutique. Abigail Rose & Lily Too features a well-edited collection for women and children, plus vintage finds, accessories, and gifts.

Nyack; abigailrosestore.com

NEW BOUTIQUE

NicóIJoë NY Boutique

This mother-and-son duo relies on their keen sense of fashion to offer Hudson Valley residents trendy men's and women's fashion staples at affordable prices. At NicóIJoë — a fusion of their names, Nicòl and Joseph — expertise in merchandising management and vintage branding fuels an extensive collection of hip clothing, accessories, and shoes.

Pawling; nicoljoeny.com

NEW JEWELRY STORE

LaViano Jewelers

Despite opening amid a pandemic, this jewelry store is already setting the gold standard among purveyors of sparkling treasures. LaViano Jewelers dates to 1843, which explains its extensive knowledge of appraisals, repairs, and custom designs. You may fall hard for a vintage Rolex or brand-spanking-new diamond drop earrings during your visit. Consider yourself warned. *Warwick; lavianojewelers.com*

PANDEMIC PIVOT BY A BRAND

Ziel/Hudson Valley Mask

Fashion startup Ziel opened a Newburgh factory to produce on-demand, private-label apparel. But when COVID hit, Ziel's founder, Marleen Vogelaar, transformed it into the Hudson Valley Mask Company. Its production line now makes masks, isolation gowns, and shoe and head coverings for the medical community, plus masks for the public. They've also donated PPE to first responders and others in need.

Newburgh; hvmaskco.com

PLACE FOR BEGINNING KNITTERS

Loopy Mango

The luxurious feel of Loopy Mango's super-soft bulky yarns is an invitation to creativity — and warmth all season long. A rainbow of fun colors is available in

Specialty Store (non-food)

Fashion Shop – Tara Snyder
Poughkeepsie
Find them on Facebook

Tattoo Parlor

Graceland Tattoo
Wappingers Falls
gracelandtattoo.com

Toy Store

Land of Oz Toys & Gifts
Rhinebeck
landofoztoys.com

Vintage Clothing Store

Cream Vintage & Consignment
Newburgh
creamnewburgh.com

Website Design

Tipsy Social
Pleasant Valley
getwithtipsy.com

Wedding Photographer

Lauren Gorish Photography
Rock Tavern
laurengorish.photography

Wedding Planner

Gina Maloney Events
Woodstock
ginamaloneyevents.com

Wedding Venue (East of the Hudson River)

Revel 32
Poughkeepsie
revel32.com

Wedding Venue (West of the Hudson River)

The Thayer Hotel
West Point
thethayerhotel.com

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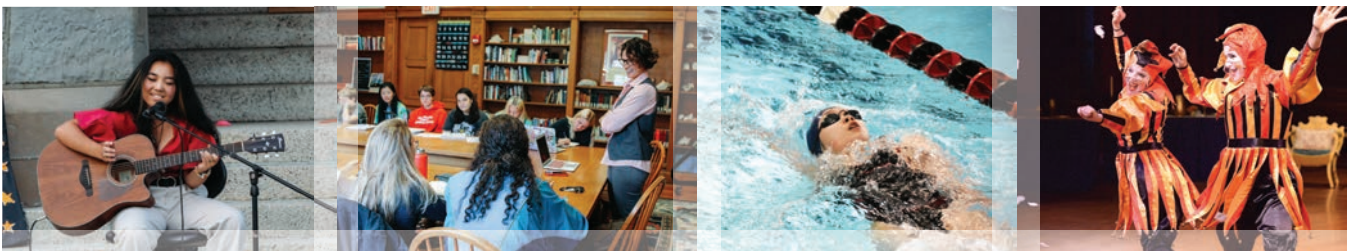


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Support Connection is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization founded in 1996 that provides free, confidential support services to women, their families and friends affected by breast and ovarian cancer. Their office is in Yorktown Heights, but through their toll-free helpline and their virtual programs and services, they assist people nationwide.

Support Connection provides personalized attention to anyone seeking support or information for themselves or a loved one. Regardless of where you are in your cancer journey - diagnosis, treatment, recovery, and beyond - and no matter what stage your cancer is, they can help you navigate the changes you experience as a result of living with breast or ovarian cancer.

A UNIQUE APPROACH

Support Connection is unique because the Peer Counselors on their staff are cancer survivors. They've been through



the tests and treatments. They've felt the fear and anxiety. They know what it's like to have your life changed by cancer. Peer Counselors are available by phone and email. There's no limit; reach out as often as you need to. Your counselor will listen to your concerns, offer emotional support, connect you with community resources, and let you know about Support Connection's other valuable services.

PERSONALIZED SERVICES

Support Connection understands that no two people are alike. In addition to **individual counseling** provided via phone and email, they offer a wide range of programs. Select what works

best for you. You can utilize one of these services or all of them:

- **Monthly support groups:** A confidential setting where women come together to discuss their concerns and support one another.
- **Educational programs:** Learning opportunities on a variety of topics related to living with cancer, such as nutrition, dealing with side effects, etc.
- **Wellness workshops:** Focus on the needs of mind, body and spirit.
- **Social activities:** Connect with other women with cancer while relaxing or being creative.

Since the onset of COVID-19, Support Connection transitioned all in-person groups and programs to virtual platforms. Cancer doesn't stop for a pandemic, and Support Connection is committed to being there for those who need them.

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Learning you have cancer is like having the rug pulled abruptly from under your feet. The world as you knew it is suddenly turned upside down. You find yourself on a path you never expected to travel, without any idea of where it will take you. At every step along the way, you face new challenges.

A cancer diagnosis also has tremendous impact on families and loved ones. You want to be helpful and supportive, to somehow make things easier. But for most people, it's hard to know what to say or what to do.

Support Connection's Peer Counselors, survivors themselves, know how it feels to hear the words "You have cancer." More than that, they speak every day to other people facing their own breast and ovarian cancer diagnoses. They also offer support and guidance to families and loved ones. Each counselor has talked to hundreds of people, helping them sort through their feelings and fears, showing them how to find their own strengths, giving them hope that they'll get through it all.

Based on their own personal experiences, as well as what they've learned along the way from the wisdom of the brave people they talk to every day, Support Connection's Peer Counselors have some suggestions and tips for anyone dealing with breast or ovarian cancer, and for families and friends who want to help:

When You've Been Diagnosed With Breast Or Ovarian Cancer: Finding Ways To Cope

Don't try to do it alone

- Allow yourself to accept support. It's not always easy; most

of us are used to doing it all. But you know how good it makes you feel to help someone else. Give others the chance to do that by helping you.

- Say yes to offers of practical help with day-to-day things like cooking, shopping, carpooling, etc. Your family and friends will appreciate this. They're feeling powerless and they want to help you.
- Clearly communicate your needs to anyone who is helping you or offers their support. Also let them know what's not helpful. This is your time to take care of you!
- The emotional rollercoaster can be just as exhausting as the physical journey. There are no right or wrong emotions. Find ways to express your feelings – sharing with others, attending a support group, talking to a counselor, journaling, etc. Holding emotions in can make them larger than life.

Enlist the help of your medical team

- Gather a medical team that gives you a sense of comfort as well as the confidence that your health needs are being addressed the way you feel they should be.
- Make the most of your doctor visits. Prepare a list of questions in advance. Bring someone along, as a second set of ears and for moral support. Let your doctor know as much as you can about you and your life so you can discuss your treatment options in the context of your daily reality.
- Never hesitate to express your questions and vulnerability to your medical team. This is new for you and very scary. Let your medical team know what you're feeling, what your fears are. They need to know in order to treat the whole "you," and they won't know unless you tell them.

Take control of information overload

- Put a pad of paper on your nightstand. When you wake up in the middle of the night and find your head filled with "what if's," write them all down and make a note of who you'll call the next day to get your answer. It will help you rein in the tornado spinning in your head.
- The internet can be a wonderful tool, but it's important to proceed with caution. Always stick to reliable sources. More importantly, remember every person's cancer is different. Online research can lead to statistics and prognostic information that is not relevant to your specific situation.
- Find other ways to keep your mind occupied. Word puzzles, knitting or crocheting, computer games, reading a good book.... anything that will distract you and give you a breather from thinking too much.

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Be good to yourself

- Instead of focusing on what you have ahead of you, try to look at what you've accomplished. Give yourself credit and see your own strength.
- Live in the moment – as often as you can. Worrying about the future does not serve you now or resolve unknown issues down the road. It only robs you of today.
- Try to take a break from cancer when you can. Engage in things that add joy to your day, activities that help you relax and have fun. This will feed your soul and remind you that you're so much more than your cancer.
- Give yourself permission to move "you" to the top of the list. Leave the guilt behind.
- A cancer diagnosis impacts you mentally, physically and emotionally. You are exhausted on many levels. Allow yourself time to process and to heal so you can recover.



When A Family Member Or Loved One Has Breast Or Ovarian Cancer: How To Lend A Helping Hand Stay In Touch

- Check in regularly. Just say hi and ask how she's doing. It tells her you're thinking about her and that you care. You don't always need to "do" something or "say" something to be helpful. Being consistently present is what matters.
- Cards, notes, emails – these are all great ways to let her know she's in your thoughts. They also become lasting messages of love and reassurance she can re-read whenever she needs a boost.
- Give small gifts that offer comfort and make her smile. Lotion... a pair of fuzzy socks... warm pj's or a robe... light reading material to take her mind off what she's going through.

- Say three simple words: "I love you." The most healing words in the universe.
- Keep the communication going. Don't stop because treatment ends. That's when she can finally step off the roller coaster she's been on, look back at where she's been, and wonder where she's headed next. She still needs your support.

Be There

- Be a calm presence, accepting any emotions or fears she needs to express. That can be tough when you have your own fears and emotions.
- Allow her to be human. Most people try their hardest to be strong. It's good to acknowledge her strength, but no one can be strong all the time. Even Superman has to be Clark Kent sometimes. Give her "permission" to take off her cape.
- When she's up for it, visit with her. Thirty minutes over a cup of tea... an outing for lunch or a movie... anything that takes her away from cancer for a bit is invaluable.
- Remember to talk about the everyday things going on in your lives. Don't be afraid to laugh – laughter really is wonderful medicine.

Help Out

- Offer to go with her to appointments. Dealing with cancer and all the decisions and information is overwhelming and exhausting. Offer to: go along to take notes...sit with her while she waits... stay with her during a test or chemo.
- Don't wait for her to ask for help, just do it! It's really hard to ask and she may not have the energy to do so. Here are some ideas:
 - » Call to say you're going to bring over a meal. Tell her what you have in mind and ask if there's something she'd prefer instead.
 - » Mention you're going to the grocery store. Ask what's on her shopping list and offer to pick it up.
 - » Let her know when you're available. Ask what she needs help with during that time.
 - » If she has children, anything you can do to keep life as normal as possible for her children will help her feel better. So, take them for playdates, drive them to activities, etc.

Just Listen

- The musician Alfred Brendel said: "The word 'listen' contains the same letters as the word 'silent'." It's normal to want to solve or fix things, to find the right thing to say. Try to silence your mind and just be in the moment with her.
- Avoid saying things like "You'll be fine" or "It's all behind you now." It's never really over. Instead, ask how she's feeling. When she tells you, offer compassion and support.

- Stay away from offering advice. She's already getting instructions from all directions. Even if you've been through a similar experience, remember, everyone is different.
- Let her set the boundaries. There may be times when she doesn't want to talk, or things she feels are too private. You'll hear this when you listen. •



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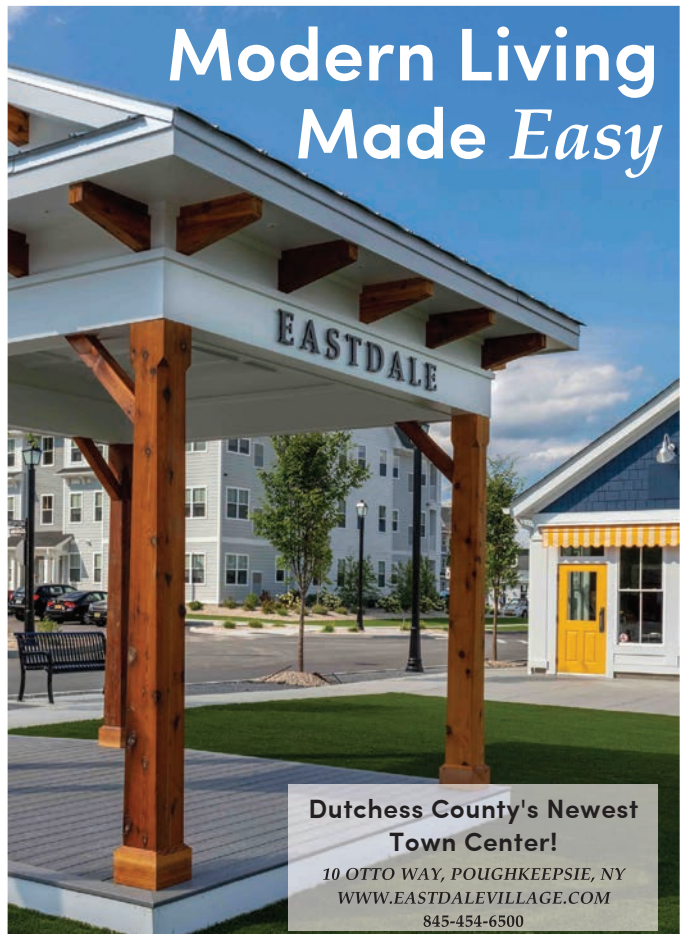
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Food & Drink

Seminary Hill Cidery and Orchard, Callicoon



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Minimal Design, Maximum Flavor

Discover heritage and sustainability at Callicoon's Seminary Hill — a cidery complete with bountiful orchards, farm-fresh menus, and homey accommodations.

BY FRANCESCA FUREY

A comeback is brewing in the Southern Catskills. Sullivan County was once a part of the iconic Borscht Belt, a colloquial term for the 1950s resorts boom that attracted vacationing Jewish-American families from NYC. Come the '70s, the hype fizzled out.

But now in the 21st century, towns like Narrowsburg and Livingston Manor are experiencing a second wind — a resurrection, if you will — from city dwellers looking for a change of pace. Callicoon, a quaint town tucked along the Delaware River, has experienced a revitalization that combines both historic roots and aesthetic values.

In the town's foothills is Seminary Hill, a blossoming cidery and orchard that hopes to honor ancestry and bolster local economy with flavorful concoctions and design-forward accommodations.

Seminary Hill is the brainchild of Doug Doetsch, whose ancestry in Callicoon dates to the 1800s. Doetsch, an international finance lawyer, returned to his



fifth-generation homestead with wife Susan Manning, a professor at Northwestern University, a few years back.

For eight springs, trees were planted in an orchard with sweeping views of the Upper Delaware River and a brick steeple of a former Franciscan seminary (which inspired the cidery's name). Over 1,500 trees and 2,500 gallons of cider later, Seminary Hill opened its doors in June.

The Boarding House

As you creep up the incline of Upper Main to Hospital Road (only minutes from downtown Callicoon), you'll see Seminary Hill's first stop: the Boarding House, designed by Livingston Manor-based company, Homesteadt. Two century-old white buildings — one of which was a local hospital in the early 20th century — have been converted into eight apartments featuring Shaker design and Scandinavian minimalism.

Seventeen bedrooms with neutral tones, natural wood paneling, and historical references are spread across the Upper and Lower houses. Over 500 Shaker pegs adorn the Boarding House's spaces, from individual bedrooms to the communal kitchenettes, living rooms, and corner libraries.

Homesteadt, run by husband-and-wife duo Tom Roberts and Anna

Aberg, believes in a core ethos of sustainability and natural living — a theme you'll find throughout the Seminary Hill properties. Roberts and Aberg are also behind the widely publicized Livingston Manor Fly Fishing Club, 30 minutes northeast of Callicoon.

Don't expect to find plastic or single-use items on the property: Homesteadt's Zero Waste Home line is implemented throughout the communal spaces; water from a well is always flowing; cow's milk from a local farm is stocked in the fridges; and provided body care products are refilled as needed.

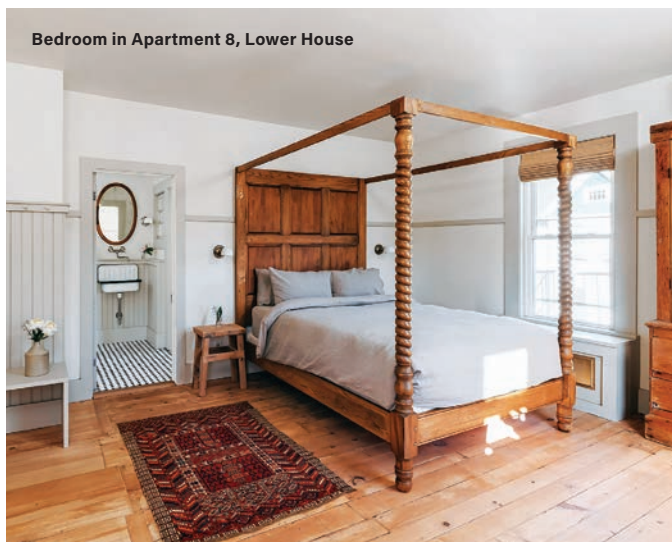
The entirety of the Boarding House's furniture and accent pieces have been repurposed, either from Doetsch's family or local vintage warehouses. Most of the books in the Lower House were once a part of a former ambassador to Italy's private collection. Pages from *The Apples of New York* serve as wall art, and a nod to the orchard. A downed tree from the orchard wasn't even scrapped for firewood — it became the parlor kitchen's dining table. As you'll discover on your stay, everything has a purpose.

The Cidery

Sitting on 62 acres of land and just north of the Boarding House, Seminary Hill is comprised of a cidery, an orchard, and tented event space.



Parlor kitchen



Bedroom in Apartment 8, Lower House

vegetables on its Argentinian wood-fire grill. Notable offerings include black cherry tamarind ribs with pistachio dukkah and fennel slaw, duck BLTs, and a colorful beet hummus.

For an in-depth look at the orchard and cidery, guests can tour the grounds and enjoy a cider tasting (Sundays, \$45 per person). The ciders are available for tastings year-round (Thurs-Sun, \$25 per person).

Built into the hill of the apple orchard, a two-story building is packed with all things cider and sustainability. The cidery was designed by Cold Spring-based River Architects and built by Poughkeepsie-based Baxter Building Corporation. It's the world's first Passive House-certified cidery: low-impact energy and a carbon zero approach were implemented in its construction.

On the second floor is the Tasting Room. Cathedral-style wooden beams and floor-to-ceiling windows adorn the 3,500-sq-ft space along with warm-toned wood and eclectic furniture. The larch wood finishing was reclaimed from underwater pilings of the former Tappan Zee Bridge.

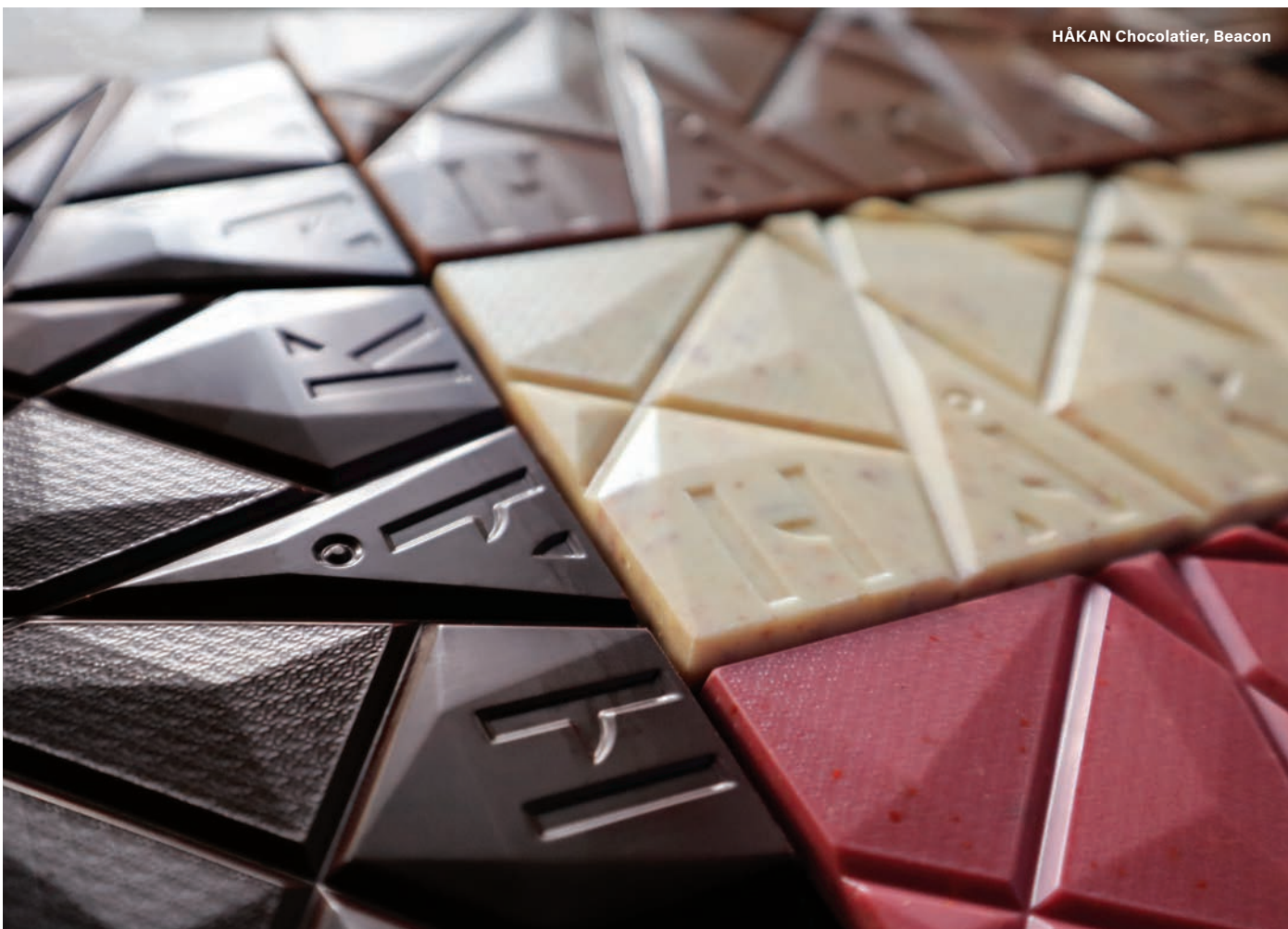
Outside, visitors can revel in its bank barn-style exterior, local bluestone, and a wrap-around patio. Of course, the balcony provides stunning panoramas of the Delaware River Valley and the fruit orchard below.

The orchard is lined with 60 varieties of apple and pear trees; they were planted holistically under watch of orchardist Michael Phillips and are free of pesticides and herbicides. These American, English, and French trees produce 10,000 bottles worth of cider. By 2026, Seminary Hill hopes to meet a quota of 60,000 bottles annually.

Seminary Hill has created five ciders: Baldwin Pippin, Beechwoods, Delaware Dry, Northern Spy, and Susan's Semi-Dry. Each one is over 7% ABV and contains little-to-no residual sugar; the deep gold and peachy semi-dry still brings some sweetness (it was named after Manning).

The Delaware Dry (citrus and creamy notes) and Beechwoods (stone fruit and melon) are packed with a variety of apples, like Tremlett's Bitter and Chisel Jersey. On the other hand, Northern Spy (apple and caramel) and Baldwin Pippin (apple and acidic finish) highlight just one or two apples, respectively.

The tasting room also features 100% New York craft beer, wine, and spirits. There's an eclectic menu of farm-to-table small plates, always changing to highlight peak-season ingredients and produce. In the fall, the culinary team offers local venison, baked breads like za'atar focaccia, and seasonal



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New & Notable

Headlines from the Valley's dining scene.

BY LAUREN NARU

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burger, and more this past summer. Follow them on Instagram @[roamfoodtruck](https://www.instagram.com/roamfoodtruck) to find out where they'll be and what they'll be cooking up all autumn long.

Underground Ramen & Taco is a new Asian-Latin fusion restaurant in the former Southbound BBQ space at The Barn in Chestnut Ridge. Starters like kung pao empanadas and oxtail spring rolls don't disappoint. Go all out with the savory shoyu ramen, topped high with jerk chicken, garlic croquettes, and crispy plantains. In a hurry? Grab a few tacos (we love the hoisin meatballs) or pork belly baos to go.

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Warming Trend

Move over pumpkin-spiced latte. We asked local coffeeshops and tearooms for a few of their more unique beverage recipes; they may just become your new fall favorites.

BY FRANCESCA FUREY

Florrie's Autumn Blend

Florrie Kaye's Tearoom, Carmel

Ingredients:

- ½ tablespoon Harney & Sons cinnamon spice tea, loose-leaf or bagged
- ½ tablespoon Harney & Sons chocolate black tea, loose-leaf or bagged
- Fresh whipped cream,

pinch of cinnamon and shaved milk chocolate, for serving

Preparation:

- 1) Boil 8 ounces of water. Steep teas for 5 minutes, and strain or remove tea bags.
- 2) Top with garnishes.



Lavender Honey Syrup

Supernatural Coffee, Hudson

Ingredients:

- ¼ bunch fresh or dried lavender (with stem)
- 1 cup water
- 1 cup sugar
- ½ cup honey (preferably local)

Preparation:

- 1) Combine water and sugar in a saucepan and bring to a boil. Simmer lavender for 10 minutes.
- 2) Add honey to pot and stir until dissolved. Remove pot from heat and allow to cool.
- 3) Strain the syrup into an air-tight container or jar, and discard lavender sprigs.
- 4) Add syrup to taste in lattes and herbal teas, or iced coffees and cold brew. Store in the refrigerator for up to one month.



Brown Sugar Cinnamon Latte

Ready Coffee, Newburgh and Wappingers Falls

Ingredients:

- 1 cup brown sugar
- ½ tablespoon cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon maple syrup
- Double shot (2 oz) espresso or instant espresso
- 9 oz milk of choice, steamed
- Ground cinnamon

Brown Sugar Cinnamon Syrup:

- 1) Combine brown sugar, cinnamon, and ¾ water in a medium saucepan. Bring to a boil and stir consistently.
- 2) Reduce heat to low until all sugar has dissolved. Remove from heat and add maple syrup.

Latte:

- 1) Pour espresso into a coffee mug. Add brown sugar cinnamon syrup to taste and stir gently.
- 2) Heat and froth milk to 150° F. Pour milk into mug, garnish with cinnamon.

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A Taste of History

Oral historian and author Sara B. Franklin dishes on finding her career path and giving voice to stories of women in food and agriculture.

BY LIZ SUSMAN KARP

Sara B. Franklin's first experiences with food were a bit... complex. During her childhood in the suburbs of Westchester, her parents made it clear that food was something to be enjoyed. Simultaneously, she was influenced by "mixed messages" of 90s diet culture — her home had both processed foods and a vegetable garden, and she remembers feeling conflicted about the enjoyment of cooking, especially with the advent of the Food Network. "It was not consistent with the feminism I was growing up with, which was go to work and hate cooking," she notes.

But Franklin, 35, soon learned that food was rooted in kindness and empathy when the neighborhood women — always women, she adds — brought meals over while her mom combatted an illness. She went on to discover new ingredients and food cultures in Boston while studying public health and American history at Tufts University.

During her time there, Franklin fell head over heels in love with growing food while visiting an organic farm. Her interests in "cooking, eating, health, social movements around equity and access all converged," she says. The experience fundamentally changed everything — how she cooked, what she liked to eat, the kinds of food to keep in her pantry and refrigerator, and her attitude toward body image and ideas of fullness and hunger — and inspired a vocation.

"I basically created a career that allows me to do what I want to do,"

PHOTO BY NATALIE CONN

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says Franklin, “which is to be nosy and get into people’s intimate spaces — meaning their kitchens — and talk to them about their lives,” she says.

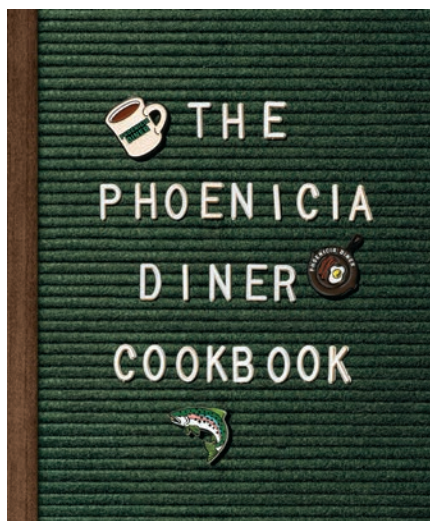
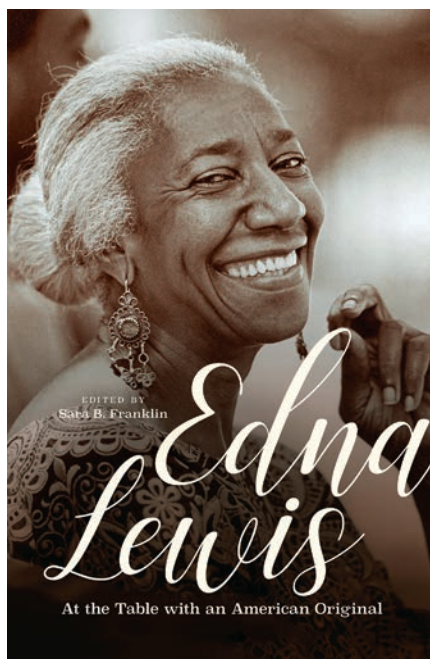
It’s been quite the career. Franklin, a Kingston resident and mother of 5-year-old twins, has received high praise for her two books, *Edna Lewis: At the Table with an American Original* and *The Phoenicia Diner Cookbook: Dishes and Dispatches from the Catskill Mountains* (which she co-authored with Chris Bradley and Mike Cioffi). The latter was named a 2021 finalist for best American cookbook by the International Association of Culinary Professionals.

Her next project (title is in the works) is a biography of the iconic Knopf cookbook editor, Judith Jones, best known for working with Julia Child. An authority on Jones, Franklin received a National Endowment for the Humanities Public Scholars Grant last year for the book.

“I never really know exactly what I’m thinking until I write it down,” says Franklin, explaining how she comes to her work, which explores food and agriculture and its ties to popular culture, media, performance of gender, care, and identity. “Journalism and the idea of going out into the world, talking to people and learning about their stories felt like an extension of my curiosity and how I understand the world. I didn’t know oral history was ... a thing that existed until significantly later after college.”

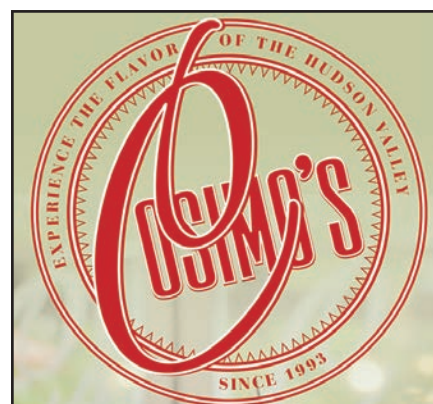
Oral history involves in-depth, long-term projects with more personal and emotional “digging into people’s lives and histories in ways that are very different from the way I was taught biography and history,” she says. Franklin notes that history is predominantly told from the perspectives of white men; oral history, she explains, is one way of uncovering other stories, often in a more nuanced way.

Franklin has written for numerous food and mainstream publications. She teaches food and oral history courses at



NYU’s Gallatin School (she received her PhD in food studies from the university, too) and at its Prison Education Initiative at Wallkill Correctional Facility. She has also worked in sustainable agriculture farming at the American Museum of Natural History’s Our Global Kitchen exhibition and collaborated with agricultural and culinary activists in South Africa and Brazil.

Food was traditionally mocked as a field of study, says Franklin. Her goal is to add stories of women rooted in food and farming to the archives of history “to legitimize the record around how we think about food and how central it is to our identity. Because we all eat, food is a unique conduit for talking to people about their lives.”



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BAJA 328 This Southwestern grill offers 130-plus varieties of tequila. Tacos skew traditional (brisket barbacoa, al pastor, chorizo) and modern, with choices like Buffalo calamari and Korean-barbecue carnitas. Closed Mon. 328 Main St, Beacon; 845.838.2252. \$\$ www.baja328.com

BARBARO At this cozy, Millbrook jewel box, wood-fired pizzas (sausage and jalapeño, Margherita, and more) share the menu with classic Italian pasta dishes, salads, and appetizers, like grilled octopus with gigante beans, lemon, and chili. Closed Mon & Tues. 3279 Franklin Ave, Millbrook; 845.677.4440. \$\$\$\$ www.barbaromillbrook.com

CAFÉ MAYA Savor favorites, including enchiladas de mole poblano and tacos de pescado. A mariachi band adds even more spice on Friday and Saturday nights. 2776 W Main St, Wappingers Falls; 845.632.3444. \$\$ Find them on Facebook

CHARLOTTE'S CATERING & RESTAURANT A romantic country spot with cozy fires in winter and glorious garden dining in summer. The menu here changes daily, but expect American fare with international influence. 4258 US 44, Millbrook; 845.677.5888. \$\$\$\$ www.charlottesny.com

COSIMO'S At this local favorite (and annual Best of Hudson Valley Readers' Pick) with four locations, the New World Italian menu features favorites such as arancini and seafood fra diavolo, in addition to wood-fired pizzas, and salads. 120 Delafield St, Poughkeepsie; 845.485.7172. 620 Rte 211 E, Middletown; 845.692.3242. 1217 Rte 300, Newburgh; 845.567.1556. 100 State Rte 32, Central Valley (Woodbury location); 845.928.5222. \$\$-\$\$\$ www.cosimos.com

DAILY PLANET DINER This '50s-inspired diner serves up more than just flavorful flapjacks. Along with burgers, patty melts, blue-plate specials (Grandma's meatloaf, turkey with all the trimmings), and nearly a dozen specialty sundaes, the menu comprises a vast salad selection. 1202 Rte 55, Lagrangeville; 845.452.0110. \$\$ www.dailyplanetdiner.com

ESSIE'S RESTAURANT At his restaurant, just minutes from the Walkway Over the Hudson, Chef/Owner (and CIA grad) Brandon Walker draws inspiration from global cuisines to create an eclectic menu that mixes jerk chicken and berbere-spiced steak with customer-favorite comfort foods, such as pork osso buco and chicken and dumplings. Closed Mon & Tues. 14 Mount Carmel Pl, Poughkeepsie; 845.452.7181. \$\$-\$\$\$ www.essiesrestaurantpk.com

HERITAGE FOOD + DRINK Serving New American cuisine in a renovated, two-story modern barn setting, Heritage's creations range from crispy Reuben egg rolls and local apple salad to fried chicken and biscuits and king crab cavatelli, paired with craft cocktails and local beers. 1379 US 9, Wappingers Falls; 845.298.1555. \$\$\$ www.heritagefooddrink.com

KITCHEN SINK FOOD & DRINK Expect global twists on farm-to-table dining, such as Egyptian-spiced, pan-roasted chicken; honeynut squash soup with coconut, ginger, and kaffir lime; and seared scallops with kohlrabi and lemon brown butter. 157 Main St, Beacon; 845.765.0240. \$\$\$ www.kitchensinknyc.com

LA CABAÑITA The Pinelo-Cardenas family runs this eatery, housed in a former church, spotlighting delicacies from the Oaxaca region of Mexico, such as tlaxiadas, memelitas, and, of course, mole negro. To drink are 40 types of mezcal. Their informal sister eatery, La Cabañita Express, is nearby at 739 Main St. Closed Tues. 763 Main St, Poughkeepsie; 845.452.7544. \$\$ www.lacabanitaaox.com

LOLA'S CAFÉ & GOURMET CATERING Owner Ed Kowalski offers a healthier alternative to fast food at this Modern American lunch-and-takeout spot, serving homemade soups, panini, vegetarian sides, and popular Thai spicy peanut noodles. Off-premises catering is available. Poughkeepsie location closed Sun. 131 Washington St, Poughkeepsie; 845.471.8555. 49 Main St, New Paltz; 845.255.6555. \$ www.lolascafeandcatering.com

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MCKINNEY & DOYLE With cozy atmosphere, McKinney & Doyle attracts diners for the award-winning brunch, as well as lunch, dinner, and cocktails. Don't miss the baked goods made from scratch at the adjoining Corner Bakery. Closed Mon. 10 Charles Coleman Blvd, Pawling; 845.855.3707. \$\$\$ www.mckinneyanddoyle.com

MILANESE ITALIAN RESTAURANT You'll find family-style dining at this establishment run by Santino and Rita Milanese. Homemade favorites range from classic lasagna and manicotti to eggplant parm and filet of sole with seafood stuffing in white wine-lobster cream sauce. Closed Mon. 115 Main St, Poughkeepsie; 845.471.9533. \$\$\$ www.milaneserestaurant.com

RED LINE DINER From the same owners as the Daily Planet Diner, Red Line boasts a convenient location, just off I-84. Menu standouts include all-day breakfast, the Reuben sandwich, the double burger, and the Red Line combo — a surf-and-turf plate of stuffed shrimp and steak. 588 Rte 9, Fishkill; 845.765.8401. \$\$ www.dineatredline.com

ROSSI & SONS ROSTICCERIA A Poughkeepsie staple since 1979, this family-owned deli brings customers authentic flavors of Italy via homemade mozzarella and imported meats and cheeses. Among favorites, including the gnocchi Bolognese and prime rib, don't miss the roast pork shoulder panini on focaccia. Closed Sun. 45 S Clover St, Poughkeepsie; 845.471.0654. \$\$ www.rossideli.com

SHADOWS ON THE HUDSON This riverfront restaurant features a modern interior and prime outdoor seating. The menu stresses seafood, but landlubbers are kept happy with a handful of other options, including indulgent prime rib (Fri to Sun only). 176 Rinaldi Blvd, Poughkeepsie; 845.486.9500. \$\$\$\$ www.shadowsonthehudson.com

SMOKY ROCK BBQ In the Village of Rhinebeck, this BBQ restaurant specializes in slow smoked meats including brisket, ribs, pulled pork, smoked duck and pork belly using their own signature spice rub and sauces. Craft beer, local spirits, signature drinks, wine, and over 30 bourbons compliment the menu. Pet-friendly outdoor patio available year round. Closed Wed. 6367 Mill St, Rhinebeck; 845.876.5232. \$\$\$ www.smokyrockbbq.com



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TERRAPIN A regional favorite since it opened in 1998, Chef/Owner Josh Kroner's restaurant, housed in a circa-1825 former church, blends New American farm-to-table cuisine with influences from Asia, Italy, and the Southwest. 6426 Montgomery St, Rhinebeck; 845.876.3330. \$\$\$\$ www.terrapinrestaurant.com

THE BEACON DAILY Fans of all-day breakfast flock here for their trademark English muffin sandwiches in variations including egg and cheese, house bacon, fried chicken, and chorizo-spiced tofu. You'll also find pastries, vegan choices, salads, and a popular Carolina-style pulled-pork sandwich. 29 Teller Ave, Beacon; 845.831.5274. \$\$\$ www.thebeacdaily.com

THE PALACE DINER A neon-lit classic, this 24/7 retro-style diner has jukeboxes at the booths and serves breakfast, lunch, and dinner regardless of what time the clock says, with a menu that goes on (and on and on). 194 Washington St, Poughkeepsie; 845.473.1576. \$\$-\$\$\$ www.thepalacediner.com

THE ROUNDHOUSE Floor-to-ceiling windows showcase waterfall views in the elegant dining room. The fine-dining menu features dishes like Prime rib-eye with togarashi-citrus butter and Meyer lemon bars with prickly pear sorbet. 2 E Main St, Beacon; 845.765.8369. \$\$\$-\$\$\$\$ www.rhbeacon.com

ZEUS BREWING COMPANY Pair craft beers with small plates, grain bowls, and hand-tossed pizzas. The signature Zeus pie features three cheeses, red onion, pistachio, oregano, and hot honey. The warm-weather rooftop boasts views of the Hudson River and Mid-Hudson Bridge. Closed Mon. 178 Main St, Poughkeepsie; 845.320.4560. \$\$ www.zeusbrewingco.com

Orange

BROTHERS BARBECUE True, vinegar-based Carolina pulled pork, pepper-crusted beef brisket, and wings are among the slow-smoked meats at this New Windsor eatery. Made-from-scratch Southern sides include collards, candied yams, and Brothers famous mac 'n' cheese. Closed Mon. 2402 Rte 32, New Windsor; 845.534.4227. \$\$-\$\$\$ www.smokenallday.com

CITY WINERY Located at historic Montgomery Mills, this is the first non-urban site for the brand. In addition to 15 wines by the glass for tasting, the Barrel Room restaurant serves local cheese and charcuterie and shareable plates with a multi-level patio overlooking the Wallkill River. Closed Mon-Wed. 23 Factory St, Montgomery; 845.424.0222. \$\$-\$\$\$ www.citywinery.com/hudsonvalley

CLEMSON BROS. BREWERY Pair an IPA, imperial milk stout, or sour ale with bar foods, like Black Dirt onion dip, wings, or fried cheese curds, and a Big Bad Wolf burger with applewood-smoked bacon, onion jam, and smoked gouda. 22 Cottage St, Middletown; 845.775.4638. 3 Main St, New Paltz; 845.256.1700. \$\$ www.clemsonbrewing.com

EDDIE'S ROADHOUSE Noted for its craft beer selection, you can also savor a meal at this tavern and grill, where the focus is on fresh ingredients sourced from local farms and markets. Popular, monthly beer dinners pair dishes with brewery-recommended drafts and/or cans. Closed Sun-Wed. 18 Main St, Warwick; 845.986.7623. \$\$-\$\$\$ www.eddiesroadhouse.com



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FIDDLESTIX CAFÉ Make a beeline here for breakfast or lunch at this casual, hometown-style eatery. Breakfast quesadillas, create-your-own omelets, house-recipe Belgian-style waffles, wraps, paninis, and grilled sandwiches are all on the menu. 319 Main St, Cornwall; 845.534.3866. \$ www.fiddlestixcafe.com

HUDSON TACO Housed in the historic 1909 West Shore Train Station (designed by the architects of NYC's Grand Central Station), this eatery offers a modern twist on tacos, such as chilled tuna takti with Asian slaw, fried chicken, crab cake, and Korean barbecue short rib. 27 S Water St, Newburgh; 845.565.8226. \$ www.hudsontaco.com

LIBERTY STREET BISTRO Cornwall native and CIA grad Michael Kelly opened this standout spot in 2016, featuring a menu of globally influenced American fare. Everything is made in-house; ingredients highlight the Valley; and technique takes center stage. Closed Mon–Tues. 97 Liberty St, Newburgh; 845.562.3900. \$\$\$–\$\$\$\$ www.libertystreetbistro.com

LOVEBITES CHOCOLATE SHOPPE Gourmet chocolates are just part of the offerings at this sweet shop, where the café menu features paninis, wraps, salads, smoothies, and more than 30 types of milkshakes. Closed Mon. 2 Lake St, Ste 4, Monroe; 845.238.5511. \$\$ www.lovebiteschocolateshoppe.com

MAMA ROUX Enter this remodeled storefront with welcoming décor, and you'll find Southern-style cooking with a French accent. Loyal customers praise the wild-mushroom poutine, fried chicken, and blackened catfish on Wild Hive polenta. 96 Broadway, Newburgh; 845.561.5363. \$\$\$ www.mama-roux.com

OAK & REED Locally sourced, elevated comfort food comprises the menu at this Middletown spot, named for one of Aesop's Fables. Popular dishes include buttermilk fried chicken with Finding Home Farms maple syrup, pan-seared organic salmon, and gemelli Bolognese. Closed Mon. 45-53 North St, Middletown; 845.775.4200. \$\$–\$\$\$ www.oakandreiddowntown.com

PAMELA'S ON THE HUDSON Casual riverside dining is the scene here, where a modern menu shakes up classic meals. Live music, happy hours, and a recently renovated interior and deck add to the appeal. Closed Mon–Wed. 1 Park Pl, Newburgh; 845.562.4505. \$\$–\$\$\$ www.pamelasny.com

THE HELM Chef Jennifer Abelton offers contemporary American cuisine with a focus on local ingredients at this eatery situated alongside Greenwood Lake. The popular hard-cider-brined brick chicken is served with whipped mashed potatoes, skillet cornbread, and maple drizzle. Closed Mon–Wed. 649 Jersey Ave, Greenwood Lake; 845.477.3073. \$\$\$–\$\$\$\$ www.thehelmny.com

Ulster

A TAVOLA TRATTORIA Seasonal farm-to-table fare is the centerpiece of this rustic eatery. Favorites include the seven-hour Bolognese and Mediterranean sea bass, plus decadent desserts like salted chocolate budino and Venetian-style carrot cake with mascarpone frosting. An Italian street food menu features regional snacks, such as Sicilian arancini, Genovese chickpea pancakes, and house-made gelato and sorbet. Closed Tues–Wed. 46 Main St, New Paltz; 845.255.1426. \$\$\$ www.atavolany.com

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BREAD ALONE Launched as an organic-bread bakery in 1983, Bread Alone has since expanded with four cafés, including its original Boiceville site and its main bakery in Lake Katrine near Kingston. The menu consists of sandwiches, toasts, salads, soups, and, of course, freshly baked pastries and breads. 3962 Rte 28, Boiceville; 845.657.6057. 2121 Ulster Ave, Lake Katrine; 845.481.4759. 45 E Market St, Rhinebeck; 845.876.3108. 22 Mill Hill Rd, Woodstock; 845.679.2108. \$ www.breadalone.com

GARDEN CAFÉ This vegan restaurant boasts an all-organic and GMO-free menu. Customers adore dishes like the bean-sweet-potato-rice burger, served with chipotle aioli and roasted potatoes, and the daily soup, salad, and sandwich specials. The garden provides seasonal outdoor seating. Closed Tues–Wed. 6 Old Forge Rd, Woodstock; 845.679.3600. \$\$ www.thegardencafeofwoodstock.com

GARVAN'S GASTROPUB Housed in a historic building from 1759, the restaurant reflects the eclectic tastes of Executive Chef Josh Paige. Choices range from brown-sugar-glazed duck breast to a Gorgonzola burger served with caramelized onions and truffle fries. Closed Mon. 215 Huguenot St, New Paltz; 845.255.7888. \$\$\$\$ www.garvans.com

HENRY'S AT THE FARM An emphasis on local farms, including Buttermilk Falls' own Millstone Farm, drives the menu, featuring plates like roasted little neck clams with thyme, lemon, and drawn butter; wood-fired pizzas; and pork shank with Hudson Valley bourbon-barbecue sauce. Closed Mon–Wed. 220 North Rd, Milton; 845.795.1500. \$\$\$–\$\$\$\$ www.buttermilkfallsinn.com/henrys

HUCKLEBERRY Enjoy a pub-style bite at this restaurant, situated in a converted house with a chill backyard for outdoor dining. The menu focuses on shareable appetizers (zhoug hummus, elote, rosemary-Parmesan fries) and casual mains like Korean pulled pork tacos, Nashville hot chicken sandwiches, and grass-fed burgers. 21 Church St, New Paltz; 845.633.8443. \$ www.huckleberrynewpaltz.com

LIS BAR Polish-inspired small plates are the ethos at Jonathan and Patty Rich's cozy Kingston spot with indoor and outdoor seating. Sip skin-contact wine alongside dishes like summer borscht, vegan pierogi, and kielbasa kebabs. Closed Tues–Wed. 240 Foxhall Ave, Kingston; 845.514.2350. \$–\$\$ www.lisbar.com

MAIN COURSE CATERING + MARKETPLACE At this casual eat-in or takeout spot, offerings on the New American menu include cedar-plank salmon salad with crumbled blue cheese, candied walnuts, and a roasted-grape vinaigrette; open-faced tartines; house-made soups; and assorted paninis. Closed Mon. 175 Main St, New Paltz; 845.255.2600. \$ www.maincoursecatering.com

RÛNA French cuisine is alive and well at Clare Hussain's bistro in an 1870 building. Chef Ryan McClintock relies on locally sourced meats and produce to craft dishes such as rainbow trout amandine or mushroom-vegetable Bourguignon. Closed Fri–Mon. 10 Plattekill Ave, New Paltz; 845.419.5007. \$\$\$–\$\$\$\$ www.runabistro.com

SILVIA This stylish-yet-casual restaurant with an open kitchen and wood-burning grill is run by sisters Doris and Betty Choi. An emphasis on local sourcing spans New American dishes, like mushroom-lentil pâté and roasted beets with jalapeño-cashew crema, and a smattering of Asian plates, including bibimbap and Vietnamese smoked pork chops. The pergola-shaded deck is particularly inviting in the warmer months. 42 Mill Hill Rd, Woodstock; 845.679.4242. \$\$\$\$ www.silviawoodstockny.com



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THE SHIP LANTERN INN Open since 1925 and run by three generations of the Foglia family, you'll find New American cuisine served in a lovely building dating back to the Revolutionary War. Savor dishes such as porcini-dusted sea bass or chateaubriand for two. The \$34.50 prix-fixe Twilight Menu is an excellent deal. Closed Mon. 1725 Rte 9W, Milton; 845.795.5400. \$\$\$\$ www.shiplanterninn.com

THE TAVERN AT DIAMOND MILLS With a stunning setting overlooking Esopus Falls, The Tavern also impresses with dishes such as crab cakes with mango emulsion and a custom-blend burger with 5 Spoke cheddar and bacon jam. Closed Mon–Tues. 25 S Partition St, Saugerties; 845.247.0700. \$\$\$\$ www.diamondmillshotel.com/tavern

TOP TASTE A 2020 James Beard semi-finalist, Chef Albert "Sammy" Bartley and his wife, Malenda, bring a genuine taste of Jamaica to Kingston. Island favorites include jerk chicken, curried goat, red snapper, beef patties, and Malenda's coconut-rum cake. Closed Sun. 446 Hasbrouck Ave, Kingston; 917.915.1310. \$ Find them on Facebook

WOODNOTES GRILLE AT THE EMERSON RESORT & SPA Named for Ralph Waldo Emerson's literary work, Woodnotes offers contemporary, locally sourced cuisine with a classic flair. Closed Tues & Wed. 5340 Rte 28, Mount Tremper; 845.688.2828. \$\$\$\$ www.emersonresort.com/dining

Westchester

APROPÓS At the Abbey Inn & Spa, located in a renovated convent overlooking the Hudson, Executive Chef John Paidas crafts a Mediterranean menu of house-made fresh pasta, seasonal starters, and juicy, dry-aged rib-eye with anchovy butter and cauliflower agrodolce. Closed Mon. 900 Fort Hill Rd, Peekskill; 914.739.3546. \$\$\$\$ www.aproposrestaurant.com

BADAGEONI GEORGIAN KITCHEN The cuisine of the nation of Georgia, straddling the border of Europe and Asia, is on offer at this Mount Kisco restaurant. Try the adjaruli, a traditional open-faced cheese boat; meaty khinkali dumplings; stewed lamb chakapuli; and some of Georgia's much-lauded wines. 26-28 E Main St, Mount Kisco; 914.864.1666. \$\$\$\$ www.badageonigeorgiankitchen.com

CRABTREE'S KITTLE HOUSE Chef Beau Widener uses locally sourced ingredients to create seasonal dishes in the formal dining room and elevated bar food at the Old World Tap Room. The Grand Award-winning wine cellar houses 40,000-plus bottles. Closed Mon. 11 Kittle Rd, Chappaqua; 914.666.8044. \$\$\$\$ www.crabtreeskittlehouse.com

GOOSEFEATHER Situated in the 1840s King Mansion at the Tarrytown House Estate, you'll find modern takes on Cantonese cuisine (dry-aged beef pot stickers, Hunan lamb shank, watermelon shaved ice) from Top Chef favorite Dale Talde. Closed Mon. 49 E Sunnyside Ln, Tarrytown; 914.829.5454. \$\$\$\$ www.goosefeatheryny.com

OCEAN HOUSE OYSTER BAR & GRILL Self-taught chef Brian Galvin transformed a tiny diner into this 30-seat, dinner-only oyster bar and grill with an

emphasis on perfectly executed New England-style seafood dishes. Call after 4:30 p.m. for same-day reservations. Closed Sun & Mon. 49 N Riverside Ave, Croton-on-Hudson; 914.271.0702. \$\$\$\$ www.oceanhouseoysterbar.com

PURDY'S FARMER & THE FISH Chef/Owner Michael Kaphan sources many of the ingredients for his seafood-and-produce-heavy menu from the restaurant's surrounding four-acre farm. Seating on the restored 18th-century house's cozy front porch is particularly charming. 100 Titicus Rd, North Salem; 914.617.8380. \$\$\$\$ www.farmerandthefish.com/purdys

RIVERMARKET BAR & KITCHEN This Rivertown favorite sources primarily local, sustainable ingredients for its menu, exceptional craft cocktails, and on-premises market. 127 W Main St, Tarrytown; 914.631.3100. \$\$\$\$ www.rivermarketbarkitchen.com

THE INN AT POUND RIDGE BY JEAN-GEORGES Chef Jean-Georges Vongerichten brings his trademark style and culinary flair to this elegantly appointed Pound Ridge farmhouse, with a menu of elevated plates (truffle-fontina pizza, whole-roasted cauliflower with turmeric-tahini sauce, and crispy, soy-glazed salmon sushi) and showstopping desserts. 258 Westchester Ave, Pound Ridge; 914.764.1400. \$\$\$\$ www.theinnatpoundridge.com

THE WHITLOCK Matt and Christina Safarowicz serve seasonal, locally sourced fare, including silky pastas, bone-marrow-laced French onion soup, and crispy pork belly at this neighborhood restaurant. Their all-day café, Jay Street, is just around the corner. Closed Mon. 17 Katonah Ave, Katonah; 914.232.8030. \$\$\$ www.thewhitlockny.com

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CLOCK TOWER GRILL Owners Rich and Cassie Parente are dedicated to sourcing sustainable, organic, non-GMO ingredients from local farms and markets. The menu features refined comfort foods, like buttermilk-fried chicken nuggets, house-made pastas, and a popular shrimp and grits. Closed Sun & Mon. 512 Clock Tower Commons Dr, Brewster; 845.582.0574. \$\$\$–\$\$\$\$ www.cloctowergrill.com

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IRON & WINE Tapas get an international spin at this Patterson spot, which also boasts a large gluten-free menu. Along with small plates, the menu spans sandwiches and burgers, flatbreads, house-made pastas, and a worth-the-wait selection of paellas. Closed Mon & Tues. 3191 NY-22, Patterson; 845.878.6800. \$\$\$ www.ironandwinerestaurant.com

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OSCAR'S Chef Oscar Romano presents classic Italian fare, including homemade pappardelle with wild mushrooms and garlic oil, chicken al limone, and veal Sorrentino. The prix-fixe Sunday menu offers 12 entrée choices. 589 Rte 303, Blauvelt; 845.359.0608. \$\$\$ www.oscarsblauvelt.com

RESTAURANT X At his Congers venue, Chef Peter X. Kelly offers an elegant, refined take on the American steakhouse. Manicured lawns outside and vaulted ceilings and white tablecloths inside set the stage for seasonally influenced dishes like butternut squash bisque and beef Wellington with wild mushroom duxelles. Closed Mon & Tues. 117 N Rte 303, Congers; 845.268.6555. \$\$\$ www.xaviars.com/restx

ROOST Though it recently relocated to the Union Arts building, Latin and Mediterranean influences still rule here. Favorites include shrimp with plantains and dried peppers, pan-crisped chicken with chimichurri, and a can't-miss Sunday brunch. Closed Tues. 2 Union St, Sparkill; 845.359.6700. \$\$-\$\$\$ www.roostinsparkill.com

UNION RESTAURANT AND BAR LATINO

A hacienda at the historic Pressler Building, this laidback Latin-fusion venue was named our Best New Restaurant back in 2008 — and it's still delicious. The menu includes several gluten-free options and flavorful dishes, like roasted Long Island duck with pineapple fried rice or burrata with sundried tomatoes and chayote. Closed Mon–Wed. 22-24 New Main St, Haverstraw; 845.429.4354. \$\$\$ www.unionrestaurant.net

Columbia

BACKBAR At this Malaysian-style eatery, the menu skews toward small, shareable plates, including chicken-lemongrass dumplings, romanesco laab, and crispy rice with shrimp and ginger sambal. To drink, go for one of the signature cocktails or a selection from the minimal-intervention wine list. 347 Warren St, Hudson; 518.828.0567. \$\$ www.backbar-hudson.com

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GASKINS Deftly prepared hyper-local ingredients and an excellent selection of beverages make for an unforgettable experience at Gaskins, a community gathering spot owned and operated by Brooklyn escapees Nick and Sarah Suarez. Though offerings change with the seasons, the Big Salad and grass-fed burger persist as the menu progresses. Closed Mon–Wed. 2 Church Ave, Germantown; 518.537.2107. \$\$\$ www.gaskinsny.com

GRAZIN' DINER This retro feeling diner is anything-but-the-standard roadside restaurant you grew up with. Sure, the menu looks familiar, and the coffee comes with generous refills, but the signature burgers are made of animal-welfare-approved grass-fed-and-finished Black Angus beef from Grazin's own nearby farm, matched with a rainbow of equally high-quality toppings and hand-cut fries. 717 Warren St, Hudson; 518.822.9323. \$\$ www.grazinburger.com

MAIN STREET GOODNESS Comfort food made from scratch lures diners, who dig into all-day breakfast offerings, including pancakes, breakfast sandwiches, and CK's Texas scramble. Pastries and pies from their on-site PieconicNY bakery draw raves. Breakfast and lunch only. 20 Main St, Chatham; 518.392.2988. \$ www.mainstgoodness.com

SWOON KITCHENBAR This stylish restaurant comes with a dedication to farm-to-table fare. Menus change seasonally, and the weekly Meatless Monday specials are not to be missed. Closed Mon–Wed. 340 Warren St, Hudson; 518.828.8938. \$\$\$-\$\$\$\$ www.swoonkitchenbar.com

THE MAKER Executive Chef Michael Poiarkoff oversees three dining spaces. Grab a pastry and cappuccino at the European coffeehouse-inspired Café; Quaff cocktails with bar bites in the Gatsbyesque Lounge; or dine on elegant, locally sourced New American cuisine at the Restaurant, housed in a stunning glass conservatory. 302 Warren St, Hudson; 518.509.2620. \$\$-\$\$\$\$ www.themaker.com

WEST TAGHKANIC DINER Scandinavian chef Kristopher Schram reopened this 1950s diner in 2019 and transformed it into a locavore dining destination — dubbed "America's Most Exciting 'New' Diner" by *Grub Street* — with upmarket takes on diner favorites. Don't miss Schram's famous Jacüterie nduja wings or the house Reuben with 12-hour-smoked pastrami and Hawthorne Valley kraut. Closed Tues–Thurs. 1016 NY-82, Ancram; 518.851.3333. \$\$ www.wtdinery.com

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THE MERMAID CAFÉ The eclectic mélange of American, Mexican, and ramen works surprisingly well at this family-friendly café. Don't skip the latter, made with miso-seaweed or Atticus Farm pork-bone broth and homemade toasted rye noodles. Closed Sun & Mon. 374 Main St, Catskill; 518.217.8811. \$-\$\$ [Find them on Facebook](#)

NEW YORK RESTAURANT A tribute to owner Natasha Witka's Polish roots, the menu comprises traditional Polish dishes and contemporary American cuisine. Customer favorites include the pork chop with maple butter, apple sauce, kraut, and creamy mashed potatoes; house pierogi; and Polish hunter's stew. Closed Mon. 353 Main Street, Catskill; 518.943.5500. \$\$-\$\$\$ www.nyrestaurantcatskill.com

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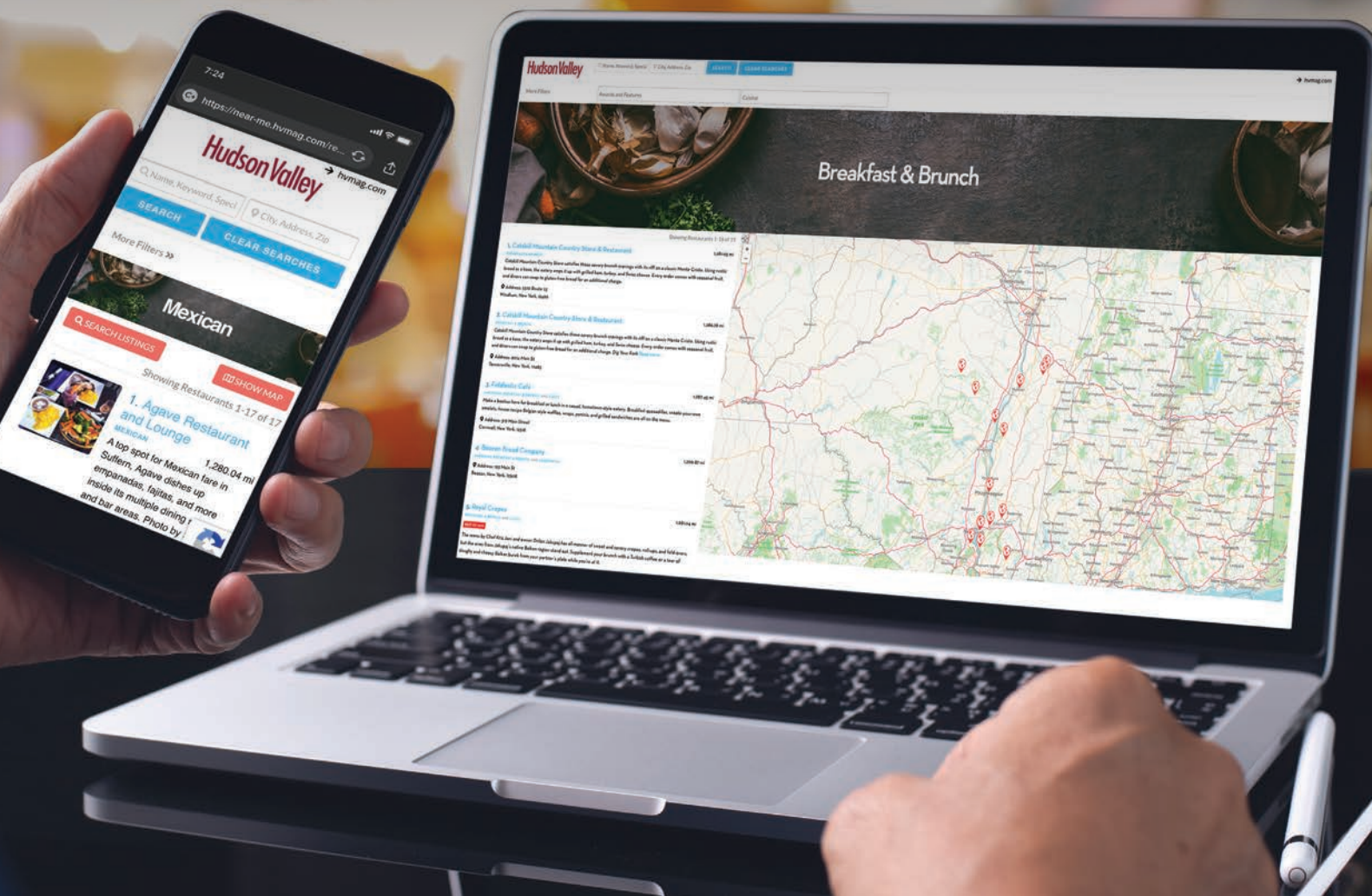
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There's nothing subtle about Halloween — including pumpkin culture. Leave your half-hearted carving attempts behind and turn to the local experts at Croton-on-Hudson's The Great Jack O'Lantern Blaze. This pumpkin palooza at Van Cortlandt Manor has wowed visitors with its incredible designs since 2005. Armor up with an ice cream scooper and patience: it's time to make a pumpkin masterpiece (and secure your front porch as the best on the block).

We're at the pumpkin patch: What should we look for?

Find a pumpkin that has a sturdy stem, a flat bottom, and no bruises. You'll also want to make sure it's heavy — if it's too light, it could be rotten inside. Blaze sources its pumpkins from Wallkill View Farm in New Paltz.

Do we have to buy tools?

Everything you need is already in your kitchen. A boning knife works well for cutting a hole in the bottom of the pumpkin. An ice cream scooper is perfect for removing the guts.

How do we properly prep a design?

Sketch your design on a sheet of paper and then tape it to your pumpkin. Use a fork or a pencil to poke holes along the lines you'll be carving.

It's carving time! Walk us through the steps.

Wash and dry the pumpkin, and then cut a hole in the bottom — this helps keep the pumpkin structurally sound. (If you cut it from the top, it can cave while decaying.) Scoop out the seeds and scrape the flesh until it's completely smooth. Then tape your design to your pumpkin

and start carving from the middle of your design out, leaving the largest pieces to cut last. Light your pumpkin and then make any final adjustments.

What's the best lighting technique?

Just place your tea light on the ground, light it (or turn it on, if battery-operated), and then cover it with the pumpkin.

Can we keep a pumpkin fresh all season long?

Yes. While carving, make sure the inside is squeaky clean — it can help prolong the life of the carved pumpkin. After carving, clean it with water and soap or diluted bleach and water to prohibit any mold from growing. You can also use petroleum jelly to coat any openings. If it's a hot day, store your pumpkin in a cool, dark place or even in the refrigerator. Remember: it's a piece of fruit!

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