

# Beacon Sloop Club Broadside



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## Serving the Hudson River with Pride for 42 Years

### A Message From Our President

Happy spring to all! Over forty people came to our April meeting even though many people were busy because of Passover and Good Friday. To everyone who couldn't make it for that reason I hope you had a wonderful holiday.

Spring is a busy time for the club. The Strawberry Festival is around the corner. We will have our usual festival prep day on Saturday, June 13 and the festival is June 14, so mark your calendars.

There is a lot going on between now and festival season. Our club lecture series will continue in April and May. The River Sweep is May 9<sup>th</sup>. Check the calendar at the back of this newsletter for a complete list of events.

The *Clearwater* is beginning its season on April 13<sup>th</sup>. On April 25<sup>th</sup> Clearwater is going to have its Earth Grooves concert with indigenous music from around the world. Anyone interested in attending can contact Don Raskopf or me for tickets, or go to [Clearwater.org](http://Clearwater.org). There is also still time to volunteer for Revival, which is going to be on June 20 and 21. Go to [Clearwaterfestival.org](http://Clearwaterfestival.org) for information.

Enjoy the warm weather and flowers.  
See you soon,

James

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**Oil trains and tankers**, planning for the Strawberry Festival, remembering our friends, the SCC, and much, much more.....



*A packed house learns about the risks of oil transport.*



*The Woody Restoration Team is working on an RFP package.*

**NEXT EXEC. COM. MEETING IS Tuesday, April 21st 7:00 p.m.**

**NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS FRIDAY, May 1st 7:30 p.m., Potluck at 6:30 p.m.**

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Would you like information on Clearwater Membership?  How did you hear of us? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

The Beacon Sloop Club and newsletter are accessible from the web: [www.beaconsloopclub.org](http://www.beaconsloopclub.org).

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Input due to the editor by the Monday following the membership meeting, by email to [acthoma@yahoo.com](mailto:acthoma@yahoo.com), or by mail to Alan Thomas, PO Box 430, Hughsonville, NY, Please allow one week for items requiring scanning or special handling.

## Beacon Sloop Club General Meeting

Minutes, April 3, 2015

The 4-3-13 General Membership Meeting began with the song, Hobo's Lullaby. James Malchow welcomed one new person to the meeting.

Sarah Elisabeth gave the Treasury Report. The opening balance was \$210, 229 and the closing was \$213,434.

Alan Thomas talked about membership. Alan has been doing system maintenance but the membership chairperson position is open. This person would work on finding new members and data entry. As renewals are down, renewals and recruiting new members are needed. High membership helps when we approach politicians, foundations and grant sources.

Spring means festivals are around the corner. Rosemary Thomas spoke about the Strawberry Festival, which is 2 months away – June 14. She reminded us that if you're a member, you're a volunteer. TomLaBarr spoke of the prep party the day before at his house – strawberry prep, biscuit prep and barbeque.

Jim Birmingham gave the Woody Report. He said the committee is up to version 8 of the request for proposal and expects the final version in a couple days. An evaluation matrix is being prepared. He has spoken to Gannon & Benjamin, who won't be bidding; Brennen Boat Builders and Rondout Woodworkers will be bidding; and Mystic Seaport is considering bidding.

Sail classes will be happening Wednesday, April 15 through June 3. The class is \$50 and includes a book and lines to practice knot tying.

Joyce Hanson spoke about the upcoming Riversweep on May 9. She, Natalie Ryder and Chris Ruhe are coordinating the piece here at the Beacon Sloop Club waterfront from 10 - 1 during low tide. To register go to <http://www.riverkeeper.org>. Dave Eberle said we typically pick up logs the same day if we have a pick up truck. Contact Dave if you have a truck that can be used. Otherwise it will be postponed.

Alan Thomas spoke about the Environmental Series. There is a big event April 9 at 7PM at the BSC. Riverkeeper and Citizens for Local Power are giving a presentation on the oil trains. Come, invite local politicians. The last in the series is a History of the Aqueduct System and water for NYC on May 14.

April 25, 7 PM, Clearwater will present the Earth Groves concert at St John's Church, Hudson Street, Yonkers. It is an indigenous music concert from around the world with African music & dance troupe, South American flute & guitar, and, Native American music & dancers. Don Raskopf and James Malchow have tickets and no fee on their tickets.

The Clearwater Festival is June 20 & 21. Volunteers are still needed. Saul Rozinsky asked if Clearwater needs the BSC solar trailer and would they give comp tickets for its use.

Gail Moran spoke about the Sloop Congress meeting. Peter Gross of Clearwater attended and brought up 3 subjects. The Earth Grooves Concert – see notes earlier in these minutes. The Clearwater Festival – this year the focus will be on climate change and they will be arranging speakers in the Sloop Tent. Speaking of the Sloop Tent, Gail is looking for BSC members to spend time staffing the BSC table in the Sloop Tent. The Pumpkin Sail – Clearwater is going to have a mini-Pumpkin sail, as the boat needs to go for lengthy repairs.

They would like Sloop Clubs' support for these events. We can begin planning once dates are out.

Ken Miller and Roland will coordinate a BSC Open House on May 3 (Pete's birthday) from 12-5. The talk is to have a picture gallery, music & entertainment, volunteer appreciation, membership recruitment and Stone Soup.

### Announcements:

Keith Kassner shared some pictures he painted.

Through the Beacon Institute, Sarah Elisabeth is leading a Wild Weed Walk April 25 at 10AM at Dennings Point. The week before this, there is a Mushroom Walk. Register online at Beacon Institute.

Spook Handy expressed his appreciation for what he learned from the BSC. He's happy with NY's banning of fracking, especially for the reason that fracking is hazardous to our health.

Mary Poppins is happy it's Spring. We have so much to look forward to. She is grateful to be part of this club, which she came to as a stranger and became a friend. Let's put our head and heart to work.

Wayne Kochler asked that if we see a crude oil train go by, please write down the number on the red placard and call him with the info. He will give the number to the DEC so they can track what is being transported. His number is 845-446-2316

Meeting adjourned.

### Two score, six years and Strawberries...

Two score and six years ago, a small group of youngsters and oldsters gathered on the banks of the Hudson River, to welcome the Clearwater, and formed the Beacon Sloop Club. Over the years that little group grew and touched the lives of many local folks with music, festivals, and free sails on the club's own cherished replica wooden sloop, all of which has helped foster environmental awareness and a sense of community across a wide variety of people.

The early members of the club had the great wisdom to start a Strawberry Festival, picking the berries themselves, baking biscuits in hand made wood fired ovens, and whipping fresh cream. The festival has grown for two reasons – 1) the best shortcakes anywhere and 2) our precious volunteers, some of whom we only see on this one day a year, when they know we really need them.

Here's hoping to see you, and maybe even a new friend who might want to tag along, on June 14<sup>th</sup> when the current group of youngsters and oldsters will once again be serving up the shortcakes!

-- Rosemary Thomas ---

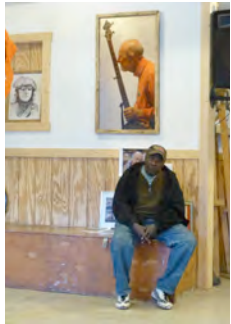


### In Memorium

We lost several Members and friends within the last few days so please take a moment to reflect on their lives.

Wanda Sramek passed away on Monday April 6<sup>th</sup> at 91. She was a Sloop Club member for more than 40 years. She and her family were some of the earliest members of the club in its formative years. We will miss her support for the club, the library, and many other local institutions. We offer our support and condolences to Andra, Monica, and the rest of Wanda's family.

Eleanor White, 93, passed away the same day. While not a member, we are indebted to the White family for years of support of the Woody sailing program at her winter home at White's Marina. Eleanor and her husband were the owners for many years and she was a fixture in the store whenever we stopped by. We will miss her. Please join us in passing our thoughts on to Anita, Donny, and the entire White family.



In remembrance of Gerald "Jerry" McNair - Kind, gentle, giving friend. If you needed someone to help, Jerry was always there for you. He kept the fires going on meeting nights, picked up litter around the clubhouse, regaled us with stories from the old days in Beacon, when he would ride the

ferry with his mother before getting hot chocolate at the Ferry Diner - and the early days of the Sloop Club with Pete. He loved Pete, the Sloop Club, Beacon, and the river. He would join us on the dock to watch and talk about the birds, fishing, the boats, and the changing river. He would stay for the song circle after every Sloop Club meeting, and listen to the music. In March, he told me he was learning to play the djembe. I happened to have my djembe with me that evening, and he played along with the music at the song circle. Three weeks ago, when I went to Beacon Station to pick up Edie Kantrowitz for the Sloop Club Congress and couldn't find her after everyone got off the train, Jerry went through the crowd calling, "Edie, Edie", found her, and chaperoned her to me.. Dear, sweet Jerry - He will be missed, and never forgotten..

--Susan Reid Bozso' --

### Beacon: Waterfront Cleanup

**Save the Date: May 9, 10-1pm,**

Join the Beacon Sloop Club and Riverkeeper for a cleanup of Beacon's Waterfront, from Riverfront Park to Long Dark Park, on Saturday, May 9, 2015 for the fourth annual Riverkeeper Sweep, a day of service for the Hudson River. Volunteers should meet at the Beacon Sloop Club, located at 2 Red Flynn Drive in Beacon. We ask all Sweep volunteers to wear sturdy shoes or boots, clothing that they can get dirty, and to bring a hat, sunscreen, a reusable water bottle and snacks. Light refreshments will be provided by the Beacon Sloop Club. This site is suitable for elementary-aged children with proper adult supervision.

Questions? Contact Riverkeeper Dana Gulley [DGulley@riverkeeper.org](mailto:DGulley@riverkeeper.org) or site leaders Joyce Hanson at [joycehanson@mac.com](mailto:joycehanson@mac.com) and or Chris Ruhe at [christopherruhe@verizon.net](mailto:christopherruhe@verizon.net)

Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/beacon-waterfront-cleanup-registration-16383444323>

**\*Important please note Davideb Eberle & Saul Rozinsky Building Committee Chairs would also like a group to assist with hauling wood at the clubhouse they are in need of a volunteer with a truck. Please contact David at [davideb@aol.com](mailto:davideb@aol.com) or call him at 845 838-9630**

**RIVERKEEPER**  
**SWEEP** 

### 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Pete Seeger Day

**Open House**

**Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup>, Noon – 5pm**

**at the Beacon Sloop Club**

Please join us for a potluck and bring food, voices instruments, photos and memories, as we welcome the public, members new and old, and recognize our volunteers for 46 years of making our community a better place. While not meant to be a fundraiser we will be promoting membership, new and renewal, and raising awareness of the Woody restoration.

Contact Roland Moussa or Ken Miller



Present (alphabetically listed): Cathy Berger (BSC Member), Susan Reid Bozso (BSC), Ferenc Bozso (BSC), Dave Conover (Education Director - Clearwater), Bob Ewald (Visitor, NY State Department of Environmental Conservation FWMA Board Member), Helen Ewald, Allan Goldhammer (TISC, Ulster County Peter Gross ((Executive Director - Clearwater), Friends of Clearwater, Nominating Committee Member - Clearwater), Edie Kantrowitz (President - NY Friends of Clearwater), Gail Moran (Secretary - BSC), Anne Todd Osborn (President of the Board of Directors - Clearwater), Steve Schwartz (Captain - BSC)

Opening Song – “Sailin’ Up, Sailin’ Down”, Packet handed out that included the Agenda, Minutes of last meeting and a flyer for the Clearwater Earth Grooves Concert.

#### Introductions & news of the Sloop Clubs –

Susan Reid Bozso of the Beacon Sloop Club shared the big news that after a year of, at times, difficult discussion, sometimes polarizing, we came together March 6 to decide 40-18 in favor of restoring the Sloop Woody Guthrie. We are moving into a new phase of considering bids and raising money. We need to think about how to raise ~\$200,000 and creating ways for people to get involved. Alan handed a donation to Susan to go toward the Woody restoration. Another challenge is to facilitate a way to continue the environmental program and some way to continue the sailing program. Steve Schwartz, also of the BSC, added that although this was a very polarizing issue, he believes all will work together as the Woody inspires passion and the BSC is very healthy coming through this.

Edie Kantrowitz is the new president of NYC Friends of Clearwater, replacing Donna Stein, who was sad not to be able to be here. NY Friends website has been updated [www.NYCFriendsofClearwater.org](http://www.NYCFriendsofClearwater.org), with more revisions to come. The Pete & Toshi Seeger Education network is in beginning stages. The website will be a place to find info, resources and networking opportunities.

At their Feb monthly meeting, Peter Gross spoke about connecting Clearwater & Sloop Clubs and Gary Shaw spoke about Indian Point. At the March meeting, Mychal Johnson spoke about South Bronx Unite. They are concerned with environmental & waterfront issues, specifically stopping the building of the Fresh Direct Warehouse in an area where 1 in 4 kids have asthma and there is no public access to the waterfront. Peter asked about NY Friends being involved with this. NY Friends meetings are held 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday (except June) at Judson Memorial Church, 239 Thompson St. One block off Washington Square – potluck, music and usually speakers. NY Friends will be tabling Earth Day sharing with Clearwater. Cathy Berger of BSC said she used to be involved with NY Friends.

Gail Moran introduced herself as the BSC Secretary. She is taking today’s Congress minutes.

Bobby Ewald is a landowner rep on the Fish & Wildlife Management Board of NY State. They have the Pittman Robinson Foundation that has a fund of \$22 million that gives grants for access & habitat restoration in NYS. P-R sometimes will refund money you spend for an accomplished goal. He will bring our minutes to their Wednesday meeting and ask if our work fits into what the P-R money is for.

Dave Conover, spoke about Clearwater Education and the Environmental Programs. Education: Dave said CW is part of the No Child Left Behind Coalitions, have sailing classroom program, STEM – NYC in classroom with the DEC, working on an initiative on plastic pollution collecting & researching plastics in NY water, they just hired an invasive species educator, and are working on climate change lessons. Environment: Onari Washington is working on the Green City initiative in Poughkeepsie, Beacon & Newburgh, shutdown Indian Point efforts are ongoing, as are efforts to get the PCB cleanup extended to other areas of the Hudson. There are Green Energy, Hydrofracturing, and 5 kW solar pledge programs.

Peter Gross spoke about 3 specific Clearwater events and urged cooperation and feedback:

-Earth Grooves Concert April 25 in Yonkers – Music of 3 different cultures and how they relate to the Earth. He would like the help from the Sloop clubs to get the word out.

-Clearwater Festival – CW will be focusing on Climate Change education at the Festival, including the Solar Pledge. There will be speakers between acts, info at educator tents, and ribbons on trees showing predicted water table rise. He asked if the Sloop Club Tent could be a place to have Climate change speakers. He thinks it could be a win/win for them & us and wants to get speaker schedule into festival books.

-Pumpkin Sail –CW is committed to reinstating the Pumpkin sails this fall. Due to a lengthy boat repair this year they need to get the boat out of the water by Columbus Day. Therefore they will do a one-week sail this year, starting in NYC and ending in Rensselaer. This year will be a teaser, next year full bloom. Annie Osbourne, said maybe CW would get a different boat when the CW is out of the water. To make the Pumpkin Sails successful, CW will need cooperation, support and help of the Sloop Clubs. Stops and dates are to be published this week. These 3 things will be a test of Sloop/CW collaboration.

Alan Goldhammer is a Clearwater member and one of 3 non-board members on nomination committee. The nominating committee seeks out qualified candidates for the board. Alan explained the various ways to get nominated: through the nominating committee – very likely to get elected, petition of 5 board members, petition of 30 Clearwater members – you’d have supporters and are very likely to get in. Currently, CW is open to Sloop Club members being on the board. So far, there are board members from BSC, Riverlovers and Albany sloop clubs. Interested contact Alan at [lightblue@hvc.rr.com](mailto:lightblue@hvc.rr.com) or Ann Mallor at the CW office. They are looking for, diversity, varying community affiliations, professional background (CPA, Water chemist needed) (CW may send to school), experience serving on a board, age distribution, people from up & down the river, NYC involvement, Albany too, availability, commitment, being good with people, intelligence, Commitment (\$1200 (sometimes waived), CW member, 3 year term with up to 3 terms in a row, promote the purpose of cooperation, need to volunteer, buy tickets to all events, have passion for CW, sell tickets, give time, serve on committees, fundraising, attend meetings, retreats, develop relationship with staff, help as requested, provide in-kind support)





Thank you to Jo Hee Park-Cunningham from Citizens for Local Power and Riverkeeper’s Jeremy Cherson for frightening us into action regarding the many risks of oil transport through the Hudson Valley.

Whether by rail, ship, barge, or pipeline the 4000% increase in oil transport has left the Hudson Valley and surrounding areas, as well as local, State and Federal agencies unprepared to inspect and monitor the system and respond to the sort of incidents, which have already occurred elsewhere in the U.S. and Canada, for which they will bear the full cost.

It is also imperative that our citizens and communities understand their rights when dealing with the private entities behind much of this boom, that they have no powers of eminent domain or special rights when dealing with landowners.

We urge everyone to urge your representatives to act.

## The Beacon Sloop Club Presents

### A History of the NY Aqueduct System w/ Tom Tarnowsky

Thursday, May 14, 7:00 PM

At the BSC Clubhouse

The Old Croton Aqueduct was placed in service in 1842. In 1883 a commission was formed to build a second aqueduct from the Croton watershed as well as additional storage reservoirs. This aqueduct, known as the New Croton Aqueduct, was under construction from 1885 to 1893 and was placed in service in 1890.

Since 1842, there have been no major interruptions of service other than brief annual shutdowns for the purpose of routine inspections during the period from 1842 to the Civil War.



## Learn to sail

### Announcing The Beacon Sloop Club Sailing Class

Learn the basics of sailing in a classroom situation and potentially become a member of the crew on the “Woody Guthrie”, historic wooden replica of a gaff-rigged Hudson River Sloop, when she is re-launched.

Class meets once a week on Wednesday evenings, **beginning April 15th and finishing on June 3rd. Classes run from 7 – 9 PM** and the cost is \$50. We furnish a textbook for you to keep.

Location: Classes will be held at the Beacon Sloop Club, a wooden shingled building at the river’s edge across from the Beacon train station.

For more information and to reserve a space, contact Jim Birmingham @ 845-497-3658 or email [jbirmingham@hvc.rr.com](mailto:jbirmingham@hvc.rr.com).

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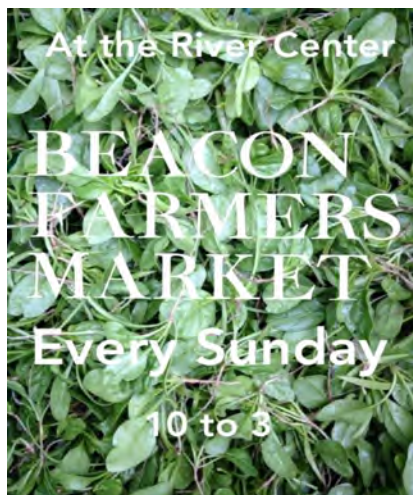
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Be The Change,

**Sharon Rowe**  
CEO & Founder



Beacon Sloop Club Treasury Report								
Submitted by Sarah Elisabeth								
March 24, 2015								
BSC General Fund	Amount	Snailmail	Paypal	Woody & Small Boats	Festival & Event	Newsletter	Harbor	Clubhouse
Donation	80.00				80.00			
Hat Pass	651.07			651.07				
Save Our Sloop	225.00				225.00			
Woody Dinner	5325.00				5325.00			
Woody Dinner Raffle	399.00				399.00			
Membership	430.00	430.00						
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Safeco Alarm Systems	-105.00							-105.00
Woody Dinner	-3800.00				-3800.00			
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**106.5 IN BEACON**

## FOOD FOR CHANGE

Screening of the first documentary made on the history of the cooperative Movement. Created by Steve Alves. Followed by discussion led by author Evan Pritchard. Suggested Donation \$5 (noone turned away)  
 When: Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> 2015 7 to 9:30 PM.  
 Where: The Beacon Sloop Club, Beacon Train Station next to the dock

MarcBlack & the Wonderful EarthTones present  
**EARTH DAY BENEFIT CONCERT**  
*Sing for the Sloop*  
 Sunday ★ April 19  
 5PM  
 The Chapel at Croton Falls  
 609 Rt. 22 Croton Falls NY  
 \$20 Suggested Donation  
 www.marcbblack.com



*Food For Change* is a feature-length documentary film focusing on food co-ops as a force for dynamic social and economic change. Seven years in the making, the movie tells the story of the cooperative movement in the U.S. through interviews, rare archival footage, and commentary by the filmmaker and social historians. This is the first film to examine the important historical role played by food co-ops, their quest for organic foods, and their current efforts to create regional food systems. The goal is to educate a wide national audience about the principles of cooperation with a focus on food. **Part One** describes the conditions that led to the Great Depression. As co-ops grew they restored hope to millions of disenfranchised citizens. WWII ended unemployment and brought a return of big monopolies and a post-war culture.

**Part Two** portrays the re-emergence of food co-ops as an outgrowth of the 1960s Civil Rights, War on Poverty, and anti-war movements when food co-ops sprang up across the United States by the thousands. During this same time, two million family farms were driven out of business. Industrial farms relying on synthetic chemicals and mechanization grew. National supermarket chains emerged and most co-ops did not survive. About two hundred managed to continue by pioneering whole and organic foods, keeping alive cooperative values. **Part Three** focuses on the great resurgence of food co-ops in the last ten years, particularly in the Minneapolis area, educating the general public about healthy food and co-operative economies. Together, 128 co-operatives in thirty-six states supported *Food For Change*. Please spread the word about this important screening at the Beacon Sloop Club. For more info write [evan.pritchard7@gmail.com](mailto:evan.pritchard7@gmail.com) Or call David Eberle at (845)242-7822.



## Current Calendar



**Executive Committee meeting**, Tues. April 21st  
7:00pm., at the Clubhouse

**Beacon Sloop Club meeting** every 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month: next meeting May 1st – potluck 6:30 p.m., general meeting 7:30 p.m

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

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

**The Beacon Sloop Club Sailing Class**, Wed. Apr.  
15-Jun.3, 7-9 pm, at the BSC Clubhouse

**Hudson River Summit**, Thur., Apr. 16, 9:00am -  
3:30pm, The Grandview, 176 Rinaldi Boulevard,  
Poughkeepsie. For information and registration, go to  
[www.hudsonriver.com](http://www.hudsonriver.com).

**Earth Day Benefit Concert: Sing for the Silenced  
with Mark Black and the EarthTones**, Sun., Apr. 19,  
The Chapel at Croton Falls, 609 Rte. 22, Croton Falls,  
NY Donation: \$20.00 Info: 646) 202-3377 or  
[elizabeth.meyergross@gmail.com](mailto:elizabeth.meyergross@gmail.com)

**Strawberry Festival Planning Committee Meeting**,  
Sun, Apr, 19, 3pm, at Dogwood

**Food for Change – Screening and Discussion**,  
Thurs. Apr. 23, 7:00 pm, at the BSC Clubhouse

**Walk & Talk at CEIE | Herbalist Walk with Sarah  
Elisabeth**, Saturday April 25, 2015 from 10:00 AM to  
11:30 AM EDT, BIRE ECE Dennings Point.,  
registration required.

**Pete Seeger Day – Open House**, Sun. May 3, 12-5  
pm, at the BSC Clubhouse

**"The Hudson River School of Painting"**, Presented  
by Cynthia Andersen, Wed. May 6, 6:30 Potluck, 7:30  
program, Shattemuc Yacht Club in Ossining.

**Harbor Maintenance**, Every Sat. April-May,  
8:00 am

**Riversweep: Beacon Waterfront Cleanup**,  
Sat. May 9, 10 – 1pm, at the Clubhouse

**History of the NY Aqueduct System**,  
Thurs. May 14, 7:00 pm, at the Clubhouse

**Women's Networking Meeting**, Sun. May  
17, 12:30 at the Clubhouse

**Strawberry Festival Sun. June 14**  
Contact: Rosemary Thomas

**Corn Festival Sun. August 9**  
Contact: Bonnie Champion  
845-255-6436

<mailto:bonniechampion@gmail.com>

**Pumpkin Festival Sun. October 18**  
Contact: David Eberle

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**Abdoulaye Diabaté**

Agua Clara Andean Ensemble

Thunderbird American Indian Dancers

Hosted by composer **DAVID AMRAM**

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- > Students - \$15
- > Children (under 12) - FREE
- > Reserved Seat & Reception at 6:00 pm - \$100



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