Show Your Support for Hudson Highlands Wildlife at HHLT's Autumn Cocktail Benefit on October 2nd

All of the work you read about in these newsletters is made possible by your generous support. We hope you'll consider continuing your generosity by attending our biggest fundraising event of the year—our Autumn Cocktail Benefit on Wednesday, October 2nd. The event is being hosted by Deborah and Jason McManus at their home in the SoHo neighborhood of New York City.

Our hosts are planning a very special evening for us, including special guests Andy Young and Susan Todd, filmmakers of the award-winning IMAX documentary "Backyard Wilderness." Guests who purchase tickets at certain levels will be invited to an exclusive look into the making of the film and discussion with the filmmakers at the REI store in SoHo ahead of the Benefit.

Tickets can be purchased online through Eventbrite or by calling our office at 845-424-3358 x4. All benefit proceeds will directly support the protection of wildlife in the Hudson Highlands through land conservation, municipal planning and community outreach efforts. Please contact us if you have any questions about the event.

We Want to Hear from YOU! Share Your Ideas at the Granite Mountain Preserve Community Forum on September 29th
Granite Mountain Preserve is a 400-acre nature preserve for the Putnam Valley community, managed by HHLT. We have been working to make the Preserve more accessible to the public, like by upgrading the existing trail system.

We'd like to hear from you—the Putnam Valley community—about how we can make the Preserve even better. Please join us for a Community Forum on Sunday, September 29th from 1 to 3pm at the Putnam Valley Free Library (30 Oscawana Lake Road, Putnam Valley) to hear about the improvements and help shape the future of the Preserve. We need your ideas about public access and recreational amenities, and you can also hear about how you can get involved with the ongoing stewardship of the Preserve.

RSVPs are requested, but walk-ins are also welcome. Please RSVP to outreach@hhlt.org or 845-424-3358 x4. Read more in this event flyer and press release.

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Celebrate All the Things You Love About the Hudson Highlands at HHLT's Young Friends Fall Fest on Saturday, October 26th!

Mark your calendars for a day of autumn fun at Winter Hill! HHLT's annual Fall Fest, planned and
hosted by our Young Friends committee, is scheduled for **Saturday, October 26th from 2-5pm**. If enjoying the beautiful Hudson Highlands fall foliage isn't enough of a draw, we are planning an afternoon that will be packed with family-friendly fall activities, like hiking and cider pressing. The event will also include the presentation of the second annual **Timothy Osborn Roberts Young Friends Conservation Award** for leadership in conservation.

Additional event details, including online registration, will be available in the coming weeks. Delicious seasonal snacks and drinks will be provided!

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**Land Management Interns Help Protect Hudson Highlands Forests**

This past summer, we welcomed two Land Management interns, Stephanie Rivera and Lucas Gordon, as part of a joint internship with **The Fresh Air Fund** to assist with invasive species management at both Granite Mountain Preserve and the Fresh Air Fund’s **Sharpe Reservation** in Fishkill.

To share the new knowledge and skills they acquired over the summer, Stephanie and Lucas produced two educational videos on improving forest health through invasive species management—one on the common invasive species, **barberry**, and the other on an emerging invasive species in our area, **yellow arch-angel**.

You can also watch and share these videos on **HHLT’s Facebook page**.

Thanks to Stephanie and Lucas for their great work over the summer, and we wish them both the best.
of luck in their future conservation endeavors! We are also grateful to The Max and Victoria Dreyfus Foundation, Inc. and the Jane W. Nuhn Charitable Trust for their support of this internship program. Read more about the internship and Stephanie and Lucas’s many accomplishments on our website.

Thanks to Your Trust in Us, HHLT Achieves National Recognition

We are excited to announce that HHLT has been awarded renewed accreditation by the Land Trust Accreditation Commission, demonstrating our ongoing commitment to permanent land conservation in the Hudson Highlands. Read more in our press release or The Putnam County News & Recorder.

Local Event: "Hope on the Hudson" Film Screening

The Downing Film Center in Newburgh is hosting a special screening of "Hope on the Hudson"—a series of three short documentary films about the Hudson River—next Monday, September 16th at 7:15pm. National Geographic filmmaker Jon Bowenmaster, who wrote and directed the series, will be in attendance and will lead a Q&A session following the screening. More information is available in this flyer and tickets are available on the Downing Film Center's website.

Please consider supporting our work. HHLT is the only organization that focuses exclusively on protecting the Hudson Highlands. Your contribution protects this iconic region for our future generations. Thank you!
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