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photo by Rudy Klais

Unimproved section of the Heritage Rail Trail a mile west of Cottekill RR station. Foreground: several piers which supported iron work of former trestle over Cottekill Creek. Background: abutment which supported one end of trestle. Onlooker: Ed Pastusak of High Falls.

**The Heritage Corridor Rail Trail
 A Challenging Work in Progress**

Our members, we know, are prone to hiking, biking, birdwatching and just generally rambling about the natural beauties of Ulster County. Herewith, for their edification, a status report on one of the area's most unusual — and certainly its skinniest — natural resources.

The formal name for the whole project is the Delaware & Hudson Canal Heritage Corridor Alliance, but "rail trail" serves informally because this 38-mile artery running from the Holiday Inn outside Kingston to Spring Glen at the Sullivan County line is based chiefly on unused trackbed of the defunct Ontario & Western Railroad.

The corridor also includes miles of paths running along the old canal, and the nonprofit alliance that is running the project has ambitious plans for subsidiary bike paths, canoe ramps on the Rondout Creek, parking facilities at access points and walking tours that would take in local historic sites.

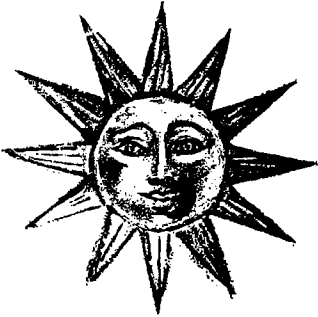
Much has been accomplished, but Sheldon Quimby, who has been acting as chairman of the alliance, says work might go on for another 10 years. The 3-mile section from Hurley to Marcott Road, he says, is "pretty well finished; it's finished and it's usable — but proceed at your own caution." South of Marcott Road, it's a "little sketchy," but some sections are accessible.

The corridor is designed for hiking, biking, horse-back riding, cross-country

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New Directors and Advisors

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Shurter & Steuding Join the Board

Raecine Shurter, a lifelong Samsonville resident, joined the Board of Directors in January. Raecine has served in the Town of Olive as Councilperson and, most recently, as a member of the Town Planning Board. Raecine's commitment to the intelligent use of the rural land in Olive is steadfast. She has already been involved with RELC for a number of years as chair of the monitoring committee which keeps an annual watch on the conservation easements we hold.

This spring we are pleased to gain representation on the RELC Board from the Town of Hurley with the addition of **Fred Steuding**. Just completing his Master's degree in Landscape Architecture at the University of Massachusetts, Fred has always had a deep interest in the natural world and our local area. He has taught a popular stone wall building course for UCCC at Opus 40. We look forward to working with him.

Moving On

Hilton Purvis, a Board member for 3 years, has stepped back from serving on the Board to meet the demands of her young family. Hilton will remain active in RELC's fundraising.

Roy Carlin will be shifting to the Board of Advisors after being a Director. His Manhattan law practice kept him from attending as many meetings as he would like.

While Stern Steps Off

Ira Stern, one of the founders of RELC and its Executive Director for a time, is stepping off the Board after serving for eight years. In his new job, as Director of

Watershed Planning and Community Affairs for the City of New York, he will work with the people and municipalities of the Catskill region to implement the city's watershed protection program. Ira will be establishing a new regional DEP office, consolidating the existing watershed protection programs into a coordinated regional effort. Besides the time demands of the new position, Ira feels that he should be independent of specific organizations relating to land use and conservation, but promises to remain ready to advise RELC whenever necessary.

Advisors Added

Bert Darrow - Mr Darrow, whose family have long resided in the Kingston area, has served as regional Vice President of Trout Unlimited and is active in many civic organizations, among them, March of Dimes and Hospice of Ulster County.

Jim Dunbar walks his woods with pride and is quick to point out forest management at work. A Board member of the Catskill Forest Association, Jim lives on the Esopus Gorge, a unique geologic formation downstream from the Ashokan Reservoir.

Barbara Lawrence - Barbara's family are long-time residents of Lawrence Hill Valley in the Town of Rochester in the shadow of the Shawangunk Ridge. Mrs Lawrence is active in regional land use planning in New Jersey.

Vivian Wadlin - Mrs Wadlin has been active in civic affairs in the city of Kingston, most notably in her fundraising efforts for Benedictine Hospital.

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A Landowner's Right to Choose Conservation

I remember the day well. I was sitting in my office, back when I was running the Jackson Hole Land Trust, thinking about how we should respond to an editorial in one of our local weekly newspapers suggesting that it was not quite right for our young land trust to be "tying up land," making decisions for future generations.

Then I made the mistake of looking out the window.

It was a stunning morning. The cloudless sky was that improbable deep blue that only thin mountain air produces. A slight breeze was stirring the leaves of a nearby willow. I knew the chill morning air would soon give way to the sage-scented warmth of high summer.

Yet here was I, indoors, when just minutes away were magnificent natural areas and scenic lands protected by our land trust. I said, "There must be an easement I can go monitor today!"

An hour later - phone call made, maps, records, and camera in hand - I headed out to the Fish Creek Ranch. After visiting with the owner, I began to walk the land, checking to see if all was in conformity with the easement restrictions.

I did not expect to find any problems - the owner was a dedicated conservationist - and I didn't. But as I crisscrossed the property, through meadows and along the creek banks, taking notes and photos, I thought a lot about the business of protecting land.

I especially thought about that editorial. The writer didn't actually mind open space; he even rather liked it. He just didn't think we should be protecting it in any permanent way. That took away choices. That tied up the resources. Future generations should have a chance to decide for themselves.

What should I tell him? How should I respond?

Then I thought about another hay meadow, where I had watched one magical evening at dusk as a thunderstorm rolled across the open land and lightning brought haystacks and mountains beyond into periodic strobe-like brilliance. That hay meadow was covered with houses now. Never again would I have the

choice of gazing across that unbroken sweep of land. Nor would my children, or anyone else's. That choice had been taken away - permanently.

And I thought about the subdivision proposed along the river, where bald eagles nested and great blue herons had their rookery. Would their choices be forever snatched away too?

I knew, then, what I would tell the editor. I would talk about the alternatives that development forecloses. I would remind him that development locks up land far more irretrievably than does protection - that land, once committed to development, will never again produce the natural and scenic values of open places. For who has ever seen a housing development torn down to restore open space?

And I would talk about landowners' rights, too - the right of a landowner to commit property to open space, just as important as the right to commit it to house lots or shopping centers or condominiums.

My thoughts returned to the land where I stood which, thanks to a committed landowner and the stewardship of the land trust, would look to my great-grandchildren as it looked to me that day. I had not the smallest doubt that they would thank us for making that choice on their behalf.

A couple of years later, when I was offered the chance to head the Land Trust Alliance, my decision was not difficult. I could see the efforts of our small land trust being multiplied over and over across the country, beginning to grow in to a vibrant grassroots conservation movement, unprecedented in its potential. Helping to build that movement was, to me, the most rewarding work I could imagine.

Today the journalists I encounter may be from anywhere in the country. Some ask, as one did last week, whether it is right to "permanently tie up the land, to take away choices from future generations."

The answer seems to be obvious. If they had stood where I have stood - or where land trust volunteers and staff have stood in a thousand communities across the continent - they would already know.

Preserving choices for future generations is precisely what land conservation is about.

Jean Hocker, President,
Land Trust Alliance



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There's nothing unique about the local rail trails. Nationwide, more than half of the 300,000 miles of track that existed early in the century fell into disuse as the railroads declined, and some 610 rail trails using more than 7,000 miles recently have sprung up in 45 states.

The departing railroads left long, level corridors with huge potential for recreational "linear" parks. But the local coalition found it had a mess to deal with. Old trackbeds were strewn with rotting ties and fallen trees. Underbrush had infiltrated. Some landowners along the way had appropriated space. Fifteen bridges, some of which had spanned impressive crevasses, were no more.

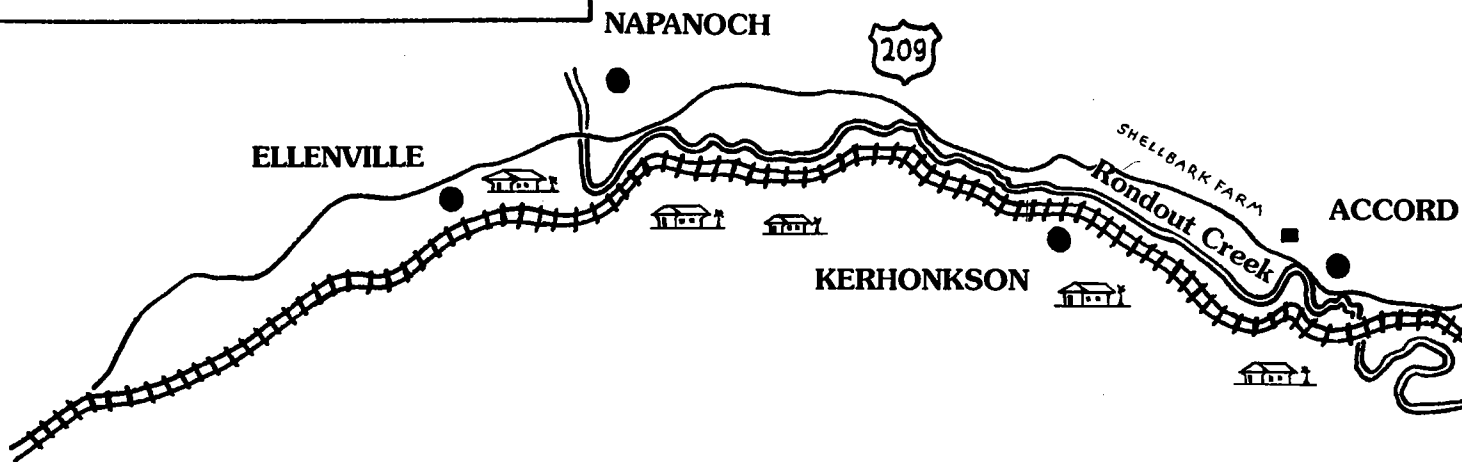
The project has put Sheldon Quimby through enough bureaucratic activity to fill several lifetimes. It has meant painstaking negotiations, mile by mile, to thread a southwest path through Ulster County. Just south of Kingston was a three-quarter-mile stretch on which an easement had to be obtained from Ulster Savings Bank. Then a piece owned by Central Hudson Gas & Electric. Then a mile and a half owned by the state Department of Transportation.

And so it went and goes. There were and are easements or permanent deeds to be obtained, recalcitrant residents to be persuaded that a nearby trail wouldn't sabotage their peace of mind.

On the other hand, the Alliance has had lots of help. Corporations and state bodies have been cooperative. Marbletown and Hurley got a \$69,000 grant made possible by the

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The Heritage Corridor Rail Trail



state's Environmental Quality Bond Act, and Marbletown is eligible for another \$50,000. The Kerhonkson region is expecting \$268,000 from the same source for a variety of projects.

Olive Clearwater, a Hurley resident and an Alliance board member, is donating a 10-acre parcel that will become an adjacent park. Local highway departments have provided men and equipment for grading, brush removal and other chores. An Eagle Scout has done yeoman voluntary work on one stretch.

Involuntary labor has been contributed too. Prisoners from Napanoch helped develop a bike path in that region. Elsewhere, miscreants, working off alternative sentences, have provided brute labor.

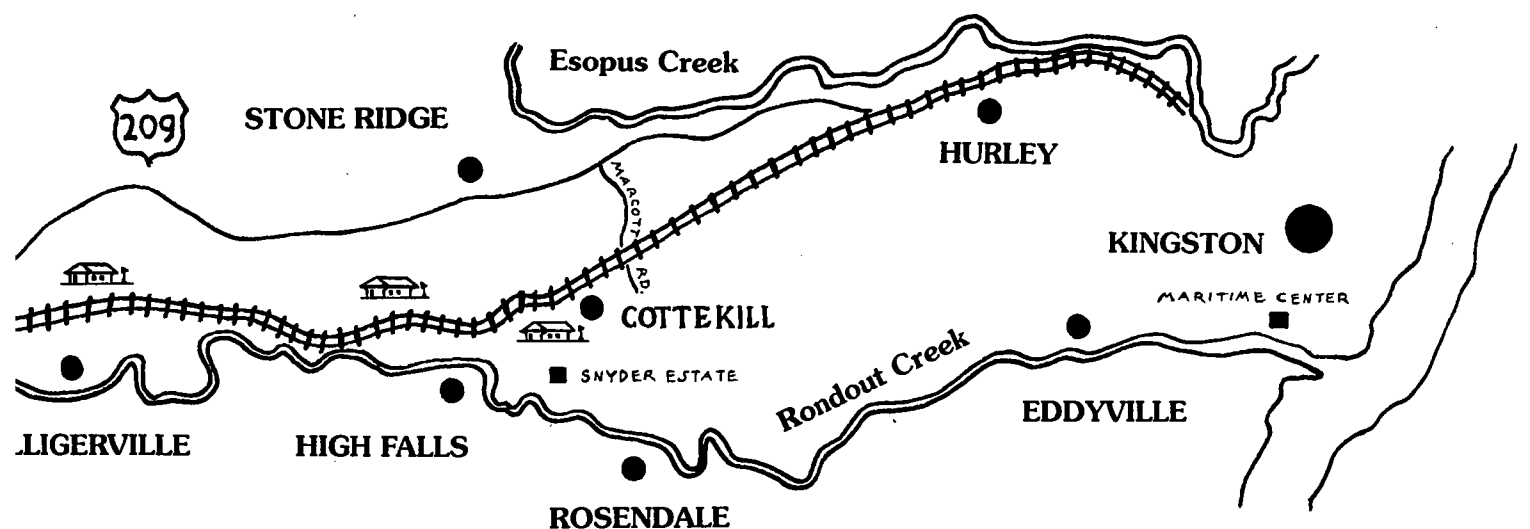
As the map shows, the corridor is much more than a single artery. There are plans to make it even more expansive — for instance, to link it to Ulster County Community College, perhaps with a bike path. The Alliance hopes to forge links with such local attractions as the Maritime Center in Rondout, Shellbark Farm in Accord and the Snyder Museum in Rosendale.

The Heritage Corridor isn't Ulster County's only rail trail. Largely finished, and in heavy use, is the Wallkill Valley Rail Trail, a 12.2-mile artery between Rosendale and Gardiner. It follows the bed of the old Wallkill Valley Railroad.

"It's really been well used; there are nice views of rivers and mountains," says Ann Guenther, a volunteer on the project (who proudly notes that 100 volunteers showed one day and totally redecked a bridge across the Wallkill River.) Tourists from afar show up with the trail on their itinerary, she says.

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Director Bowen Northrup (left) and former Director Ira Stern putting the finishing touches on the addition to the Conservancy's HQ in Alligerville.

photo by Rudy Klais

HQ Update

Work is proceeding at the Conservancy's Alligerville Headquarters - with a break during the freezing months. In November, Virginia Schoonmaker arranged for the building of a masonry chimney. The following month, Heritage Energy gifted the Conservancy with the installation of a propane heating system. In response to our Autumn newsletter, Bob Freeston of Canal Press granted our wish for a new front door, and Paul & Ellianne Odom gave us two interior doors. We thank them all.

E.B.

Food For Thought

The Hudson River Valley, long known for its dairy products, fruits & vegetables, has been designated by the American Farmland Trust the 12th most threatened agricultural region in the US. It lost 229,000 acres to development from 1978 to 1987 - the last reporting period. Overall, the US loses 34 acres of farmland per hour to its expanding population.



Harbingers of Spring

Our wildflower maven, Marge Hasbrouck, offers a guided tour of her blooming woods Sunday, May 14, at 1 pm. Call Marge at 687 9476 for directions and details.

Also, We have a dandy cassette tape for sale: "Wild Sounds of the North Woods." This is a 63-minute rendition of field recordings of frogs and toads, mammals and especially birds, 111 species in all, with a 32-page accompanying booklet for information about each. Price \$10, plus \$2 for shipping and handling, from RELC at PO Box 345, High Falls, NY, 12440. You will enjoy this! See tear-off on last page of this newsletter.

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Thank You!

These generous individuals and businesses have made contributions to the Rondout-Esopus Land Conservancy since the last newsletter. Since then the Conservancy has gained 53 new members.

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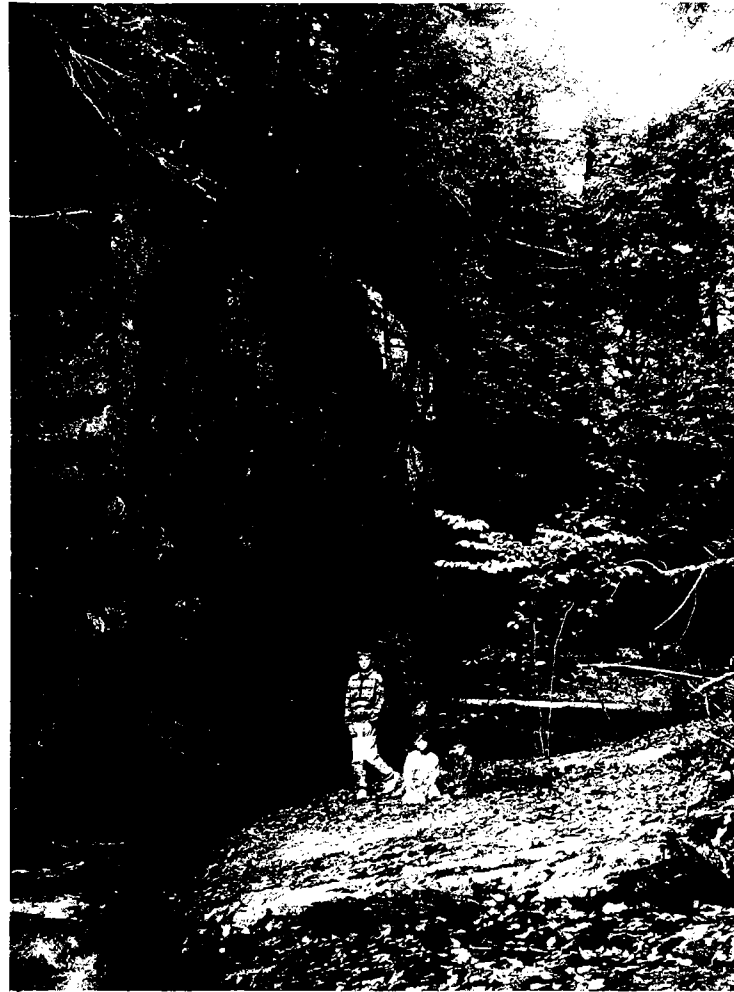




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*"In Wildness
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The World."
-Thoreau*

*The Cabin Pool on the
Sanderskill now under
conservation easement
(l to r
Luke, Troy, Gregory
Shaheen)*

Bader Easement Protects Sanderskill

In July the Conservancy signed an easement on a 2.5 acre parcel on the Sanderskill in Accord. Reid Scott Bader bought the property from Renee Hertz, a Conservancy member, on the condition that a conservation easement be created to provide a buffer along the stream. The terms of the agreement reached between Mr. Bader and RELC will protect 250 feet of the Sanderskill Creek on its western side by requiring a building setback of 150 feet. This property is especially significant because it adjoins land (2500 feet x 150 feet of stream buffer) which has been under easement with RELC since the late 1980's.

The source of the Sanderskill is the area below Lake Awosting on the Schwangunk Ridge. Water flows and falls over bedrock and forms blue-green pools below groves of hemlock on the east bank. Cliffs of white sandstone, in places a hundred feet high, front much of the stream's length on the west. A house perched on the edge of one cliff is visible from the stream below. The view of this house, replete with decks and picture windows, impacts upon the ancient character of the valley and underlines the need for a conservation buffer. Public access to the Sanderskill can be found where the stream crosses State Route 44/55. F.S.

EDDY FAMILY DONATES EASEMENT BUFFERING ESOPUS GORGE

In August the Eddy Family finalized and donated a conservation easement on their 57.5 acres along the Esopus Gorge. The property includes substantial frontage on the lower Esopus Creek along with many acres of pristine piney woods replete with grouse, deer and other wildlife.

The challenge was to craft an easement that would allow the Eddys' growing family to use the property and maybe to build some weekend cabins while preserving the natural integrity of the place. The solution — an easement on a buffer strip 150 feet wide along the creek. Thus any future structures would be out of sight of the creek and their septic systems would be safely distant also.

Mr Eddy Sr. was university theatre professor at Baylor and the University of Wisconsin. An authority on fine arts education, he has advised the Ford and the Rockefeller Foundations as well as the U. S. Office of Education.

More recently, he helped guide a Foxfire - sponsored experiential education program. His book, *The Music Came from Deep Inside*, about professional artists working with severely handicapped youngsters, has been updated and is available in paperback.

The Conservancy notes that other property owners in that area also have donated or are considering easements, and the possibility exists that a substantial portion of the Esopus Gorge could be protected from the adverse effects of over-development.

A GIFT OF LAND PROTECTED IN PERPETUITY

Mrs Ruth Bradow of Kearny, New Jersey, has made a gift of two landlocked parcels in the Town of Marbletown totaling 16 acres. Fully wooded and showing evidence of coyote, fox, deer and bear, the land is in the area of the Vly Marsh where RELC already holds conservation easements.

Mrs Bradow made the gift in memory of her late husband Edward G Bradow who loved these acres and wished that they and their wildlife be protected.

Since RELC is not in the land ownership business, we have restricted the land to no future development except one summer cabin and sold it at the restricted value to neighbor John Kander. Mr Kander, who gave a gift of easement to the Conservancy in 1990, will add it to forestland presently in his stewardship. The RELC will use the funds for operating expenses.



Garden Party Decor -
Pat Davenport's flowers, arranged
by Ginny Luppino.

BOARD MEMBER PROFILE

From time-to-time, the newsletter will profile one of its directors or advisors. This then is the first of a series.

The newest member of our Advisory Board is a lifetime resident of Alligerville who has ranged the nation and the world in a career serving good causes — notably prevention of blindness — but whose heart never left home.

The crowning post of Virginia Boyce Schoonmaker's professional life was a 10-year stint as executive director of the National Society to Prevent Blindness. That capped a 35-year career filled with honors and responsibilities. Since 1982, she technically has been in "retirement" at her Alligerville farm, but the list of her volunteer activities still fills a page.

She's a board member and former president of Benedictine Health Foundation, an advisory board member at Mohonk Consultations, secretary of the board at International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness in London, president of the Joint Commission on Allied Health in Ophthalmology — and a volunteer for Rondout Esopus Land Conservancy.

RELC's new headquarters, the old Alligerville post office across the street from her farm, was given to the Conservancy by Virginia. The building is rich with memories for her: her father built it in the early 1930s, and her mother was the postmistress during the 1930s and in the early 1940s.

In those days, the place sold penny candy and some groceries, as old-timers in the village can attest. The building stood idle after the post office operation ended in the 1950s. Virginia thinks that a small nonprofit organization like RELC is a perfect new tenant.

"Having been raised on a farm, I've always been devoted to land preservation," she says. She regrets the steady loss of farmland to development around Ulster County and thinks that easements are one good way to preserve the character of the land.

"I wanted this building to add benefit to the area," she says, unlike a "commercial venture" that would be an intrusion on a quiet community.

Virginia was born in the handsome big brick house on Route 209 that most recently housed Elm Rock Antiques. Her parents belonged to the Dutch Reformed Church in Accord, the Stone Ridge Grange and the Farm Bureau.

A childhood heroine was Eleanor Roosevelt, "I heard her speak in Kingston," Virginia recalls — and that

was one of the influences leading to a career in philanthropic organizations.

Along the way, Virginia helped bring about glaucoma screening and education in the U.S., spurred introduction of state programs for prevention of blindness, and designed and launched the first home eye test for preschool children.

She introduced the first home eye test in Europe, Australia and New Zealand, and managed also to travel to Africa, China, India, and South America. Her most coveted honors are from the American Academy of Ophthalmology for Public Service and the Lifetime Achievement Award of the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness.

Fund-raising is one of the skills that Virginia developed during those years. That will be one of her contributions to RELC, along with her knowledge of Ulster County and its ways.

"It's good to be home. The beauty of this area will always be heart-warming and inspiring to me," she says.

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Advisor Mrs Virginia Boyce Schoonmaker

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The Conservancy welcomes to its Board of Directors Andy Angstrom. Andy is the director of SUNY's Ashokan Field Campus, a 372-acre facility in the middle of the Esopus Gorge that RELC is interested in protecting. Andy is also an Adjunct Professor of elementary education at SUNY, New Paltz. Andy's experience and interests are wide: history and archeology as well as the natural sciences, ecological know how, administrative skills and avocations that mesh with his professional interests: canoeing, camping, fishing, and photography, among others. Plus he is a member of the Marbletown Historical

Preservation Commission. We look forward to his presence on the board.

Our Board of Advisors has been augmented by Scott Abrahamson, a natural resources attorney who grew up on a dairy farm in Vermont. Scott now lives in Shokan and promises to make his professional guidance available to RELC. Again, welcome!

CORRECTION: Our new advisor, Vivian Wadlin, is not affiliated with fund raising efforts for the Benedictine Hospital, as stated in the last newsletter.

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WISH LIST

Our newly refurbished headquarters is in need of furniture & supplies. If you would like to donate an item to the conservancy, please call us at 657-3310.

- 2 waste paper baskets
- exterior light fixture
- bulletin board
- board meeting table & chairs
- white w. c.
- 2 ceiling fans with or w/o lights
- 2 ceiling lights
- desk & chair
- vacuum cleaner
- pressure tank
- filing cabinets
- book cases
- storage shelves
- broom & dust pan



On a recent Conservancy field trip, Scott Abrahamson shows a caddis fly larvae to Congressman Maurice Hinchey and Andy Angstrom while Jim Dunbar looks on.

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