

## Welcome . . . Megan!

Megan Reynolds is coming on board as our first-ever membership and outreach coordinator, a part-time position made possible by a grant from New York



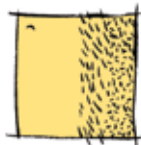
State Department of Environmental Conservation and the Land Trust Alliance and contributions by WLC supporters. With longstanding family ties to the Woodstock area, Megan is the owner of the Retreat at Tree Gap, a member of both the Woodstock Environmental Commission and the Farm Festival Committee, and a contributor to the Woodstock Green Guide. She brings to WLC a strong interest in land use issues and local food production, and marketing and administrative experience.

Megan will keep in touch with the community, assist with outreach and fundraising efforts, and help WLC become a stronger organization. "I believe environmental stewardship begins with land stewardship, which is why I'm so excited to be working with WLC," says Megan. "Collaboration is key to any outreach position, so I look forward to hearing from folks and meeting everyone at future events."

## Help Us Save Paper with E-Mail

To reduce the use of paper as well as printing and mailing costs, WLC wants to deliver future newsletters to your e-mail. To receive *Land Lines* and other information about our work, events, and land conservation this way, sign up via the home page of our website. Be assured that we do not share our mailing list.

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Questions? Ideas? We want to hear from you!

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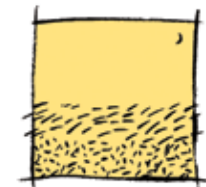
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Events on the land — Comeau update  
Welcome Megan Reynolds — and more



Yellow warbler, photo by Peter Schoenberger

Ensuring that our communities  
have the opportunity to enjoy  
the land for generations to come



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## Ring in Spring Out on the Land

Spring is the time to see nature come to life. Join us for guided walks and other activities. (Note rain dates. Schedule changes will be posted on the WLC website.)

### Spring Family Walk

**Saturday, April 17, 10:30 am** Outdoor educators Rosalind Dickinson and Matt Helffrich will lead children and their families on a walk to see how the forest changes with the arrival of spring. Discover the mysteries of vernal pools and see wildflowers emerging. Meet at the Sloan Gorge trailhead on Stoll Road in West Saugerties (see our website for directions). Rain date: Sunday April 18, 10:30 am.

### Greet the Morning with the Birds!

**Sunday, May 16, 6 am** Join expert birder and nature photographer Peter Schoenberger to see, hear, and understand our region's winged wonders. Meet at the main parking area at Kenneth Wilson State Park. All levels of birdwatchers are welcome. Easy walking. Bring your own binoculars. E-mail Peter with questions: pds@netstep.net. Walk will go if drizzling; heavy rain date: Sunday, May 23, 6 am.



Top photos: Kevin Smith; Bottom: Sonya Shoptaugh

### Forest Biking

**Sunday, July 11, 11 am** Join Fats in the Cats Bicycle Club for a mountain biking tour through the Bluestone Wild Forest. Learn about the history of this beautiful area from Fats founder, Tom Schneller, and why conservation partners are working to protect it. This is a 3–5 mile beginner-intermediate ride. Meet at the Jockey Hill area; for directions, go to the trails section of [www.fatsinthecats.com](http://www.fatsinthecats.com). **Signup required:** e-mail [info@fatsinthecats.com](mailto:info@fatsinthecats.com).

## The Land in Pictures

A huge thank you to the Center for Photography at Woodstock (CPW) and everyone who participated in and supported the Landscape Forever show that ran this winter. We are also very grateful to everyone who came out to the show's closing benefit event for WLC. This partnership reflected and continues to inspire the many ways that the arts and the land come together in Woodstock. The exhibit catalog—showing works by local professional photographers who depicted lands protected by WLC—can be purchased for \$20 by contacting John Winter at 347-408-1273 or [info@woodstocklandconservancy.org](mailto:info@woodstocklandconservancy.org). And to view the wonderful images created by Woodstock Elementary School students as part of the project, go to the News > What's Happening page on our website and follow the link.

## Comeau Now Protected

The conservation easement signed in November by WLC and Town officials fulfills the wishes of the residents who use and love the Comeau. WLC will continue to work with the Town to uphold the terms of the easement. We also look forward to the Town's development of a Comeau Stewardship Plan, which will ensure that proposed projects are developed and carried out with the care that the property deserves, the deed of conservation easement specifies, and the community is counting on. Stay tuned for updates and more information.

The Woodstock Town Board has approved the Comeau Trails Task Force plan to restore and improve walking trails and submitted it to WLC for review and comments. If you want to help, contact David Corbett at 845-679-2759. (Volunteers receive free trail maintenance training!)

## Regional View: Fracking Next Door

It's called the biggest land use controversy since the building of the New York City reservoir system: drilling for natural gas in the Marcellus Shale region using a technique known as "hydrofracking." While promising jobs and income for landowners, extraction could also greatly damage land, water, and communities. To learn more about the issue and the need for stronger environmental regulations, visit [www.catskillmountainkeeper.org](http://www.catskillmountainkeeper.org).

## THE POETIC NATURE of the SUMMER SOLSTICE

**Sunday, June 20, 4 pm**

Join us at the Zena Cornfield to hear local poets praise the season, led by Michael Perkins and Will Nixon, authors of *Walking Woodstock: Journeys into the Wild Heart of America's Most Famous Small Town*. Park at the Little Deep/Cornfield lot and walk to the WLC picnic table on the east side of the field. Bring your own chair. Rain date: Friday, June 26, 6 pm.

Nancy Rowe



Perry Beekman and Bar Scott added music to our Landscape Forever celebration benefit.

Sonya Shoptaugh