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Message from the President

Spring is here! Cool and rainy, warm and sunny, sometimes the other way around. The Earth breathes, the CO₂ levels will peak in May at 4:14 pm (another record), and slowly go down as the trees start budding and start absorbing CO₂.

For the April 19 potluck meeting we screened "Earth's Natural Wonders", Part 2. We watched as a fisherman brought his three brothers to walk to the edge of Victoria Falls to catch fish trapped at the edge of the fall. The men were in danger of being swept into the falls, and two of his brothers couldn't swim.

We plan to have many hikes, excursions, and volunteer opportunities in the near future. Our first volunteer opportunity is "Westchester Pitch in for Parks 2019". The date is Sunday April 28, from 10 am to 2 pm. I chose Blue Mountain Park. You, the reader, will probably get this notice too late. I will call our members to volunteer. This is a good cause and it is our way of thanking Westchester County for the use of the Croton Point Nature Center.

Our second volunteer opportunity is the Earth Day Celebration at Vassallo Park on Saturday, May 4, from 10 am to 3 pm. We will have an outreach table to showcase the Riverlovers. We need people to be at the table.

Let's go hiking on the Briarcliff-Peekskill Trail way. The land for this Trail way was originally purchased in 1929 to become a parkway connecting Briarcliff Manor with Peekskill. Nowadays, the trail way is lightly used. Hiking through evokes a wonderful feeling of unspoiled wilderness. We will have several dates to explore different sections of this trail way. The different dates will allow for peoples schedules, and rainy weather. The dates are: Wednesday, May 8, Saturday, May 11, Sunday, May 19, and Tuesday, May 21, all times at 1:30 pm. We will meet at the north side of the Super Food Town parking lot in Croton-on-Hudson and carpool to the various entrances to the Trail way.

We will visit the Wheelabrator Westchester for a tour, in the near future. The tours of the garbage burning plant are only on week-days.

For the Friday May 17 potluck meeting at 6:30 pm in the Croton Point Nature Center, we will screen "Earth's Natural Wonders-Living on the Edge", Part 3. Witness wonders created by the force that makes our earth unique — life itself.

I just learned that the Clearwater Festival will be on the Father's Day weekend, June 15 & 16, but our meeting will be on the third Friday, June 21. We will screen "Earth's Natural Wonders, Part 1, Extreme Wonders". We will discuss summer activities such as kayaking the Croton River, sailing on our member's sailboat the Blue Monk, and sailing on the Sloop Clearwater.

Please call me at my cell 914-319-3379 or my home phone (listed on page 4), to volunteer, to visit Wheelabrator, or to go hiking.

Come to our meetings, come to our activities. Everyone is welcome. Together we can be educated and educate others to protect the Hudson River and save the Earth and its climate for ourselves and future generations.

Recycle Right

by Gunnar Andersen

As I walk the streets of Croton on recycling day, I see many incorrect items in the recycling bins — plastic bags, light bulbs, take out containers that still have food in them. Surely put there with the best intentions, these items can contaminate and even damage the equipment at the Material Recovery Facility. This has become a major problem that the county is addressing with its program, "Recycle Right". Below is an excerpt from the county's press release:

There has been much recent media attention given to municipalities throughout the U.S. that have either ended or suspended their recycling programs. A severe downturn in the recyclables markets, caused in large part by China's stringent import restrictions, has forced jurisdictions across the country to halt recycling, including municipalities in Alaska, California, Florida, Hawaii, Idaho, Ohio, Oregon, Washington, and even one in Upstate New York. Philadelphia and Memphis have reportedly scaled back recycling programs due to the market disruption. However, amid all the market chaos, Westchester County's Refuse Disposal District has continued to market all of its residents' recyclables to recyclables brokers and re-manufacturers.

Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Facilities Louis Vetrone said: "For years, we've placed the emphasis on recycling more, but now it's important that we recycle right. That means including only those items that are recyclable in the bins. It also means cleaning recyclables to reduce contamination, and keeping them loose for collection, never packaging them in plastic bags."

Thomas Moran 1837-1926

by Cynthia Andersen

Thomas Moran, a painter, best known for his depictions of the Far West was from Bolton (Lancashire), England, and he grew up in Philadelphia. Moran was influenced by the English painter Joseph M.W. Turner.

Moran first travelled to the West in 1871, accompanying Dr. F.V. Hayden's expedition to the Yellowstone area and then again in 1873, with Major John Wesley Powell's surveying party to the Grand Canyon area. Moran's first major successes were:



Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone, 1872, U.S. Dept. of the Interior, Washington, D.C. Moran is not concerned with painterly texture but with the clear presentation of the facts of the view—precise and scientific. In practice he modified the reality of the Yellowstone Gorge to suit his pictorial requirements; the “truth” of the place was both a precipitous chasm and a large waterfall, and in order to incorporate both these essential features into his view he moved the waterfall from the western to the eastern end of the Canyon. The vastness of the Canyon is emphasized by two small figures that Moran introduces on a ledge overlooking the gorge—a means of involving the spectator in the sublime view that had been in use since the seventeenth century.



Chasm of the Colorado, 1873, U.S. Dept. of the Interior. In *Chasm* there is the use of a broad ledge of rock on which the viewer stands. It is a work devoid of human life. In this wilderness of rock even the vegetation is minimal; rainstorms and sunlight play over the intricately varied surface of a natural structure that is manifestly the product of long successions of millennia.

Moran's huge *Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone* and the subsequent *Chasm of the Colorado* were bought by

Congress for \$10,000.00 apiece and so fired legislative imaginations that they are considered responsible for our system of national parks. Grateful officials named a peak in the Grand Tetons Mount Moran.



From Hiawatha, This is the first canvas Moran painted under the inspiration of Longfellow's long narrative poem which was published in 1855, and immediately became a classic, selling over 30,000 copies the first year. *Fiercely the red sun descending/ Burned his way along the heavens*, 1875-76, 33 3/8 x 50 1/16, North Carolina Museum of Art - The mythic force of the sunset is set forth in Longfellow's elaborate simile, likening the sun's course to that of an Indian war-party, and the sky to a prairie set on fire. This is, then, a further description of the life of the American Indians as mythologized by Longfellow. Moran uses Turner's paintings as a point of reference and makes it very obvious. Turner was extensively copied and imitated in the 19th century, but never as intelligently and successfully as here.

Longfellow's Poem:

*Fiercely the red sun descending
Burned his way along the heavens,
Set the sky on fire behind him,
As war parties, when retreating,
Burn the prairies on their war-trail;
And the moon, the Night-Sun, eastward,
Suddenly starting from his ambush,
Followed fast those bloody footprints,
Followed in that fiery war-trail,
With its glare upon his features.*



Grand Canyon of the Colorado, 1892 (reworked in 1908): 53 x 94, Philadelphia Museum of Art. Thomas Moran first visited the Grand Canyon in August 1873 with

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What's Happening When

Sundays, 10am-3pm. **Farmer's Market** at VFW Hall on Main St. in Beacon. Local cheeses, eggs, pasta, bread, lamb, fruits and vegetables.

Saturdays, 9am-1pm, **Ossining Winter Farmer's Market**, near the corner of Spring & Main Streets, featuring grass fed beef and pasture-raised meats, local seafood, locally grown fruits and vegetables, pickles, baked goods and more.

Wednesday, May 1, 7:30pm, Ferry Sloops: **The SS Columbia Project**, Board co-chairman Bob Elliott, Shattemuc Yacht Club, Ossining.

Friday, May 3: Join us for an **evening of jazz and poetry** by local jazz musicians and poets, followed by a wine and cheese reception at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 2021 Albany Post Road (9A), Croton-on-Hudson, NY. No admission (contributions accepted). For more info call Gunnar [914] 522-0339.

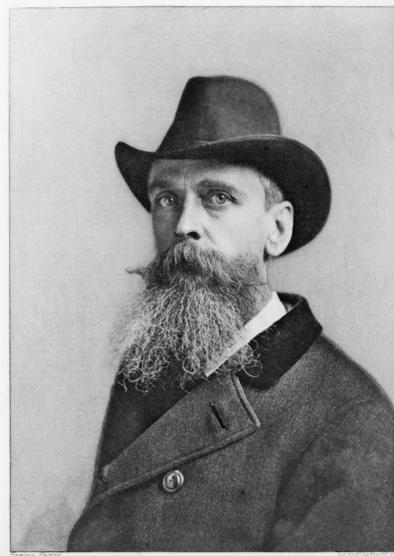
Saturday, May 4, 10am – 3pm **Earth Day Celebration**, Vassallo Park, Croton-on-Hudson

Saturday, May 11, 2019, Walkabout Clearwater Coffeehouse presents: **Tom Paxton and the DonJuans**, 7:30pm, in the first floor sanctuary at Memorial Methodist Church, 250 Bryant Avenue, White Plains, NY. Tickets: \$30 in advance online/ \$35 at the door; Students with ID: \$15; Children ages 6-12: \$10. For more information visit www.walkaboutchorus.org Doors open at 6:30pm – Questions? [914] 946-1625.

Friday, May 17, 6:30, **Riverlover's Monthly Potluck**, at Croton Point Nature Center, Croton-on-Hudson. We will screen the BBC Earth Special – "Earth's Natural Wonders-Living on the Edge", Part 3.

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the expedition of John Wesley Powell. The power of these images of an almost unimaginable distant and strange landscape to promote travel, exploration and tourism was quickly understood by the railroad barons, who commissioned from Moran pictures they could use in their advertising. In 1892 the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Co. supplied funding for Moran to visit the Grand Canyon.



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Here's how to join Riverlovers...

(the local Clearwater Sloop Club in the Northern Westchester-Putnam County area)

Application for Riverlovers Membership

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Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____ Telephone _____

Renewal ___ New ___ Additional Contribution \$ _____

Please send check (\$25 individual, \$35 family) for 2018 to: Riverlovers, P.O. Box 285, Croton-on-Hudson, NY 10520.

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Contributor	\$100	Benefactor	\$5000
Sponsor	\$200	Student	\$25

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please include check payable to Clearwater, or charge by credit card

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Account No. _____

Exp. Date _____ Signature _____

Mail To: Clearwater, Inc.
724 Wolcott Avenue
Beacon, NY 12508

Your Clearwater membership gets you the *Navigator* and other benefits, along with being part of Riverlovers' "parent" organization representing individuals and Sloop Clubs up and down the Hudson Valley "working for the River."

Riverlovers - Who We Are

Riverlovers, Inc. is a chartered Sloop Club of the Hudson River Sloop Clearwater, Inc., an environmental non-profit membership organization whose most visible symbol is its member-owned and operated 106-ft. sloop "Clearwater." As a local affiliate, Riverlovers' purposes are:

- Maintaining an active Sloop Club in the Northern Westchester-Putnam County area;
- Meeting the needs and interests of individuals through a variety of interest groups, including monthly Potluck dinner meetings with varied programs, environmental education and awareness, boats and sailing, concerts and festivals;
- Organizing trips and recreational activities, seminars and workshops, learn-to-sail programs and Clearwater visits;
- Research, education and action to protect our rivers and our environment;
- Working for access and effective land use along the Hudson River and its tributaries;
- Boating projects on the Hudson River, to reach out to the surrounding community for educational and recreational purposes.

We invite you to join us. Contact our interest group coordinators, or write to Riverlovers, Inc., P.O. Box 285, Croton-on-Hudson, NY



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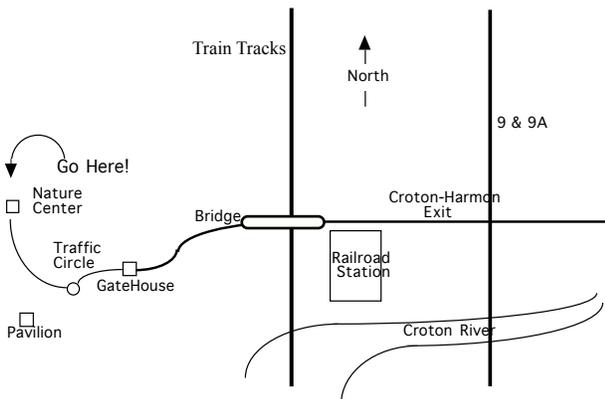
Riverlovers Monthly Potluck and "Living on the Edge", Part 3



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