

Calendar of Events

December 3, 2011

"Bells on Broadway" Arts & Crafts Show and Children's Holiday Festival

December 10, 2011

Tom Humphrey Guitar Series:
Frank Vignola's Hot Club

December 10, 2011

Ann Street Gallery Exhibition
Opening: Woven Stories

December 24, 2011

Christmas Eve Dinner

December 25, 2011

Christmas Day Brunch

February 26, 2012

Bridal Expo

March 10, 2012

Tom Humphrey Guitar Series:
Bucky Pizzarelli w/ Ed Laub

April 21, 2012

Tom Humphrey Guitar Series:
Geoff Muldaur

April 28, 2012

Cupcake-A-Palooza

May 20, 2012

Off Broadway Run

June 9, 2012

SHOH Annual Gala

Learn more about these events on our websites:

www.safe-harbors.org

www.ritztheaternewburgh.org

www.annstreetgallery.org

A Note from our Executive Director

Dear Friends,

"Cities have the capability of providing something for everybody, only because, and only when, they are created by everybody."

- Jane Jacobs

I strongly agree with the above quote from Jane Jacobs, and I would also add "if they include everybody" as well. What I love about the projects we have done, and the new projects that we are inspired to do, are that we can create a vibrant cultural and arts destination without displacing anyone. Given the right tools and good opportunities, everyone can be part of the solution for a community.

I have seen this phenomenon over and over again in the work we do in Newburgh. Cornerstone residents are seeing an attractive, safe home and support services as a spring board to new opportunities and second chances in their life.

I am so grateful for our new partnership with SUNY Orange to make a college degree more accessible to our tenants. It is a pleasure for us to be a part of the Greater Newburgh Partnership. This collaborative effort will affect meaningful change for the City of Newburgh and the entire region. The work we do will continue to grow and expand, and we see many new partnerships on the horizon.

Over the past ten years we have seen tangible results that our method of community development is working. With over 2,000 visitors to our Ann Street Gallery in 2011 and five sold out Ritz Theater concerts, we are creating a vibrant downtown destination while insuring that some of our most vulnerable population have every chance to rebuild their lives.

This past year we have set the stage for the next phase of development for Safe Harbors, The Ritz Theater and the Ann Street Gallery. This includes; a healthy café in downtown Newburgh, a family housing project, Phase I of the Ritz Theater to be completed with a capital campaign kick-off, and an outdoor public art show.

This time of year, more than ever, I am grateful for your support in the work we do: providing many people with a home for the holidays, a meal with family and friends on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Kwanzaa and during Chanukah and with our events during this time of year a place for the entire community to shop, hear wonderful performers and to celebrate the magic of the season.

Sincerely,

Tricia Haggerty Wenz



(l to r) longtime supporter Dominick Nisi, Tricia Haggerty Wenz and John Wenz

What's Inside?

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A Note from the Safe Harbors Board of Directors Chair

2011 marked the end of our tenth year for Safe Harbors of the Hudson. Over the past ten years our organization has met with remarkable success thanks to the commitment, vision and hard work of the organization's employees and supporters. The Cornerstone Residence, the Ann Street Gallery and the future Ritz Theater have all grown at a tremendously fast rate, and we have never lost sight of the most critical component of our mission: giving our tenants the foundation, dignity and tools they need to rebuild their lives. We can all be proud of this achievement, and our organization will continue to further its mission despite the many challenges that face us, and the surrounding community as well.

In 2011 the Board of Directors spent the year involved in a lengthy and critical strategic planning process. This process, which was funded by the Dyson Foundation and overseen by NYCON, has allowed us to prepare for our future. Our approach to this process has been to create a plan that will help strengthen our mission, broaden the scope of our work, and ensure a bright future for Safe Harbors.

For me the planning process also renewed my own sense of commitment to the organization. I am indeed proud to be a part of an endeavor that has done so much good for so many people, as well as the community as a whole. I look forward to 2012 and beyond, when we will implement our new strategic plan, watch our early benchmarks take shape, and see Safe Harbors grow and flourish for many years to come.

Adam Rodd



Neil Drislane Retires from Safe Harbors Board of Directors

After ten years, Safe Harbors's first and longest running board member has retired from our Board of Directors. Neil Drislane was very instrumental in the early formation of Safe Harbors and helped establish our long running partnership with Mount Saint Mary College. Every Thanksgiving Neil and his grandchildren and son-in-law would wake up at 4:00am to put the turkeys in the oven for our community Thanksgiving Dinner at the Cornerstone Residence.

Safe Harbors of the Hudson will be forever grateful for Neil's leadership and support and look forward to seeing him at our many events in the future! We wish him all the best!

pictured at left: Carl and Neil Drislane; pictured at right: Jim Hoekema, Carol and Neil Drislane



we give thanks...



We would like to give thanks

to **Sodexo and Mount Saint Mary College** for *Thanksgiving Dinner*

to **FEAST Caterers** for *Christmas Eve Dinner*

to the **Cub Scouts Cornwall Pack 6 & Chris' Deli** for *Christmas Day Brunch*

and *thank you* to each and every one of our **VOLUNTEERS!!!**





Our Hudson Award presented to Tricia Haggerty Wenz

Tricia Haggerty Wenz was honored with the First Annual OurHudson Tomorrow Award on September 17 at the Pilot Club Cocktail Party & Silent Auction. The event was hosted by the Hudson River Maritime Museum in Kingston. The Awards given were beautiful artworks by Hudson Valley Artist Grace Gunning. OurHudson is a project of the Hudson River Watershed Alliance, with the support of Hudson River Greenway, Clearwater, Hudson River Foundation, Scenic Hudson, Riverkeeper and other environmental and civic organizations.



Ritz Box Office Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting

On September 28 we celebrated the opening of our new Box Office with a ribbon cutting ceremony and reception. Many people came out to support the Ritz Theater, and celebrate with us including the mayor of the City Newburgh Nicholas Valentine and Senator William Larkin. A reception immediately followed the ribbon cutting in the Ritz Lobby with champagne, and appetizers and live music by The Jonny Hirsch Band. During the reception, tours were also given in the old historic Ritz Theater space. On the tour, people were able to learn about the history of the theater, see firsthand what the old theater looks like now, and to envision what the theater will look like when it is completed and restored.



The Ritz is part of the League of Historic American Theatres

The League of Historic American Theatres, Inc., a non-profit membership association, is a professional network dedicated to sustaining America's historic theatres for the benefit of their communities and future generations. On July 12, the group visited and toured the historic Ritz Theater, and presented the Ritz with a plaque including the Ritz Theater into the network of America's historic theatres. Visit their website at www.lhat.org for more information.



2011-12 Tom Humphrey Guitar Series Begins

On October 15, the 4th season of the acclaimed Tom Humphrey Guitar Series kicked off with a terrific performance by the John Abercrombie Trio featuring John Abercrombie, Bob Meyer on drums and cymbals, and Bill Moring. The concert series continued on Friday, November 11 with Mary Gauthier and Tania Elizabeth. The series continues with Frank Vignola's Hot Club on December 10, 2011, Bucky Pizzarelli on March 10, 2012 and Geoff Muldaur on April 21, 2012. Tickets are on sale! For more information please visit www.ritztheaternewburgh.org or call (845) 784-1199.

A Note from the Director of Tenant Services & Special Events

2011 has flown by and is almost over as we prepare for the holiday season. There is so much talent here at The Cornerstone Residence and it's great to see people sharing those talents with each other and people throughout the community. It's also wonderful to see people participating at community events and volunteering their time. It's a great feeling to watch our mission of transforming lives and building communities through housing and the arts happen as the staff here at Safe Harbors do our jobs.

This year, we had an opportunity to see who made the best cupcakes in the Hudson Valley at our first annual Cupcake-a-Palooza. Many tenants attended and it was great to see people from all throughout the Newburgh and surrounding community come together and enjoy themselves.

People are outdoors more often once the weather warms up. Tenants of the Cornerstone Residence are no exception to that rule! May brought us the 5th Annual Off Broadway Run. Despite the rain, many tenants participated!

It was a very hot summer. In July, the heat was too much for the originally scheduled Tenant BBQ and, though not a BBQ or even an outing, tenants and staff retreated to the Ritz Theater Lobby, complete with beautiful air conditioning, delicious food and fun games. A few weeks later, we had our "real" BBQ at Algonquin Park where tenants and staff had even more fun. Good food, fun games, good people...

We enjoyed a Hudson Valley Renegades game and visit to Walkway Over the Hudson, courtesy of Independent Living. We kicked off a personal history project entitled "It's All About Me" with a trip to Ellis Island and Bethel Woods – the Woodstock Museum. What were you doing when Woodstock took place in August 1969? Many tenants took part in the Ann Street Market and Family Fun Day, volunteering to set up or clean up, renting spaces and face painting and even going on pony rides.

Tenants here at The Cornerstone are able to showcase their artistic talents with artwork that is on display throughout the building. No matter where you walk, be it the Ann Street hallway or the main Lobby or anywhere else for that matter, you can see and even purchase their artwork.

Following the start of an amazing partnership with SUNY Orange, our GED class has more than quadrupled in size! Do you like to tutor? I need you! I am always looking for tutors in the three R's: Reading, wRiting and aRithmetic. We have many classes in the both the arts (like crocheting, mosaics or collage workshops) and computer classes. Run by Regina Bizzell, Bingo is so popular we had to purchase new cards to replace the older well-worn bingo cards! We need new or VERY gently used items for prizes like home décor (frames, pictures, small statues) or gift certificates to stores like Walmart, Target or local eateries.

As always, we always need volunteers! If you're interested in volunteering or have a talent you'd like to share, call me at 845.562.6940 Ext. 110 or via email at jhenley@safe-harbors.org. I look forward to hearing from you!

June Henley
Director of Tenant Services and Special Events



Ellis Island Field Trip



Annual Tenant Picnic



Annual Tenant Gala



Ann Street Market and Family Fun Day

Safe Harbors of the Hudson held the Ann Street Market and Family Fun Day on Saturday, August 6. The day began at 11 am, there was live music throughout the day. We had so many yummy food vendors; bbq and ka-bobs, cupcakes, lemonade and strawberry lemonade. There was a great variety of market vendors from antiques to photography and art, handbags, jewelry, cooking & baking items, and much more! A petting zoo with ducks, geese, chickens and a pony were a big hit with the kids, as well as pony rides, face painting and coloring! The day ended a little early around 5:30pm due to rain, but the event was an overall success!



Ann Street Gallery High Tea, An Afternoon of Sophistication

The 3rd Annual Ann Street Gallery High Tea was held on Sunday, October 23. The High Tea is a successful annual fundraising event which benefits the gallery's programming. Marsha Gregory, an artist from the exhibit on display Human Form: An Enduring Inspiration gave a lecture on her work and artistic process. The afternoon was filled with a fine selection of teas from Harney & Sons, assorted sandwiches and desserts, and violin music by Amanda Leddin. Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers who helped make this event run smooth and elegantly.



Ritz Kidz "Newburgh's Got Talent!" Talent Show

For the third year, the Ritz Theater presented the RitzKidz "Newburgh's Got Talent!" Talent Show for our community's youth on Sunday, November 20. The afternoon was filled with performances from Newburgh's talented aspiring stars. Out of the 24 very talented performances, 17 acts were chosen to perform. Performances varied from vocal, instrumental and band performances! The winners of this year's talent show were: first place, Corrina Little; second place, Susana Florencio; and third place, Bridget Ruggiero. Congratulations!



Ritz Theater "Stories"; A Growing Documentary Project

On Saturday, November 5 and Sunday, November 6, Local Filmmaker, Lynda Parisi conducted video interviews as part of an important documentary project on the Ritz Theater. Many residents visited the Ritz Theater Lobby to share their memories of the historic Ritz Theater going all the way back to the 1930's! Some remembered seeing Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz, Frank Sinatra, Peggy Lee and countless others at The Ritz. Once the documentary is complete, we will announce an Opening Night Screening Event, so stay tuned! Pictured at left are Eugene Fleishman and Ralph Giddens who shared their family stories on the historic Ritz Theater and Hotel Newburgh.



Safe Harbors Received a Grant from Empire State Bank

Safe Harbors of the Hudson received a grant in the amount of \$500 from Empire State Bank to support GED and educational programs which we offer to our residents and community with our partnership with SUNY Orange.

A Note from the Director of the Ann Street Gallery

Dear Friends

The celebration of fall ushers in cooler weather and a more colourful palette in nature. We here at the Ann Street Gallery will also celebrate fall with our last exhibition of the season: Woven Stories: Contemporary Tapestries. Modern tapestry is a thriving creative field and this exhibition promises to deliver, giving art lovers an opportunity to view a unique style of contemporary art.

Slated for Saturday, December 10, 2011 and running through to January 28, 2012, the Woven Stories exhibition displays work by over 20 weavers from across the country and Canada, and aims to showcase the best of modern contemporary tapestry. In this exhibition, there will be tapestries that highlight the traditions of the art, while addressing modern day issues such as politics, environment and gender resulting in challenging, thought-provoking and poetic artwork.

Earlier this summer, Breaking Boundaries: a Survey of Contemporary Ceramics, our third exhibition, opened on August 6, 2011 with glowing reviews. Here within the context of the exhibition, twenty-four nationally known artists came together to offer an expansive vision of the contemporary ceramic scene. Breaking Boundaries provided our visitors a unique and diverse view of ceramics that is on the cutting edge of contemporary art. The range of works in this exhibition explored the various creative possibilities of working with clay and unconventional materials, while breaking through the boundaries imposed by the art establishment.

October was another busy month at the ASG. Our fourth exhibition Human Form: an Enduring Inspiration opened to a jammed packed gallery audience on Saturday, October 15, 2011. The works on display highlighted a thematic grouping of sixteen visual artists whose work demonstrated the enduring interest and diversity of figural art. Featured artists were drawn from local talent and across the country, brought together by exemplary works of paper, videos, photographs, paintings, drawings, sculptures, collage and embroidered fabrics, all bound by a shared theme and inspired by the human form.

Later that month on Sunday, October 23, 2011, we held our third annual High Tea, a fundraising event which benefits ASG programming. This year as in years past, we enjoyed a relaxing afternoon tasting a fine selection of teas generously sponsored by Harney & Sons, sampling assorted sandwiches and desserts, while listening to live music. However, this year we had a special treat as lecture artist Marsha Gregory, concurrently showing in the Human Form exhibition, gave our visitors the opportunity for an inside look and chance to examine an artist's body of works. Ms. Gregory's lecture presentation provided insight into her inspirations and working methods as an artist, revealing the process of an artist's development of themes and how the maturation of an artistic individual voice is developed over time.

At the Ann Street Gallery there is no single point of view or critical stance taken on art, rather our daily challenge is in presenting contemporary art that generates ideas and the critical perspectives that accompany its appreciation. This is the catalyst that energizes our mission and programs with a strong commitment to the encouragement of greater public understanding and appreciation of contemporary art across cultures and between generations. I know I am eagerly looking forward to our newest fall exhibition Woven Stories: Contemporary Tapestries. It is our wish you too will frequent the gallery, stop by with a friend and enjoy our continually changing exhibitions.

Warm Regards,
Virginia Walsh
Director/Curator of Exhibitions



Jason Paradis
Saratoga Night
from the exhibit
Frame of Reference



Tracy Stuckey
Red, White and Blue El Camino
from the exhibit
Human Form



Roxanne Jackson
Lick-It-Up
from the exhibit
Breaking Boundaries



Kate Anderson
Oh, Alright
from the exhibit
Woven Stories



A Note from the Ritz Theater Board of Directors Chair

Dear Friends,

It's been another exciting, productive summer and fall for the Ritz. Thanks to funding from the Dyson Foundation and guidance from the New York Council of Nonprofits, the board of directors gathered in July to develop a comprehensive strategic plan for fundraising and renovating the theater. On September 28th we officially cut the ribbon to open our new box office on Broadway, made possible by a grant from Urban Initiatives, a program of the New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal. It was a memorable celebration made even more so by the presence of Senator William Larkin and Mayor Nicholas Valentine, both longtime supporters and friends of the Ritz. In his remarks, Mr. Valentine noted his recent visit to Peekskill's Paramount Theater and the remarkable impact it has had on that city's downtown. The same could be said for Kingston and Poughkeepsie—and we are convinced that a restored Ritz will add immeasurably to the revitalization of Newburgh's lower Broadway.

In early November, the public was invited to share memories of the Ritz with board member and filmmaker, Lynda Parisi, who is creating a documentary about our theater's fascinating history. Among the many stories shared, Newburgher Ed Judson, 82, recalled the thrill of Frank Sinatra strolling into his stepfather's Broadway restaurant for an afternoon coffee while on a break from rehearsal at the Ritz. On November 20th we presented our 3rd annual RitzKidz, Newburgh's Got Talent and were once again amazed at the quantity and quality of the young talent in our community. The 2011-12 Tom Humphrey Guitar Series was launched in October by the John Abercrombie Trio, followed in November by Mary Gauthier with Tania Elizabeth. In December and March we look forward to the return of two Ritz favorites: Frank Vignola's Hot Club on December 10th and the incomparable Bucky Pizzarelli on March 10th. The season will close with a concert by Geoff Muldaur on April 21st. For tickets to enjoy these outstanding professional artists call 784-1199 or visit www.ritztheaternewburgh.org.

Throughout America the arts are serving as "engines of recovery." In fact, the impact of the arts on urban regeneration has been so well-documented that the National Endowment for the Arts has embarked on a nation-wide initiative to use the arts as a linchpin to economic development. We are convinced that restoring the Ritz will do far more than bring professional performing arts to Newburgh; it will also serve as a much needed catalyst in connecting lower Broadway to our prosperous waterfront. Peekskill has its Paramount Theatre. Poughkeepsie has its Bardavon Opera House. Kingston has its Ulster Performing Arts Center. Don't you agree it's time for Newburgh to have its Ritz? Together, we can to it.

Best wishes,
James N. Beard



The Ritz Theater Welcomes Two New Board Members



Marianna Kennedy is an attorney and founding member of the New Windsor law firm Drake, Loeb, Heller, Kennedy, Gogerty, Gaba & Rodd PLLC. She obtained her law degree magna cum laude from Pace University School of Law and her undergraduate degree cum laude from Mount St. Mary College. Marianna represents a diverse clientele composed of individuals and businesses in matters involving banking, commercial real estate, acquisitions, divestitures, contracts, securities and other commercial law areas. She currently sits on the Board of Trustees of Mount Saint Mary College and is a member of the Board of Directors of St. Luke's Cornwall Hospital Foundation, The Greater Hudson Valley Family Health Center and the Opera Company of the Highlands. She resides in her hometown of Cornwall with her husband Tom and son Ryan.



Cathy Kuttner is a licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) who has spent most of her professional career in Newark, NJ as a Clinician specializing in Geriatric Mental Health. Since her retirement from the University of Medicine and Dentistry NJ /University Behavioral HealthCare she continues to work part time in two programs. One focuses on facilitating training for the Long Term Care Community on Behavioral Health topics and the other, at the Community Health Law Project, assists Medicare beneficiaries to enroll in programs that reduce their health care costs. Cathy earned her BA in Psychology from the University of Virginia Woman's division, Mary Washington College in 1961 and received her Masters in Counseling from Seton Hall University in South Orange, NJ in 1975. She has 3 grown children and 8 grandchildren and divides her time between work and family in NJ, and her community in Newburgh. Inspired by the beauty of the Hudson Valley and impressed with Newburgh's rich history she is proud to serve on the Ritz Board. She looks forward to seeing the Ritz restored to its former prominence and become an engine for change in the City of Newburgh.



Brand New Cornerstone Residence Sign

We are very excited and proud of our new Cornerstone Residence sign. The new sign was delivered and installed on the facade of our building just above the main entrance at 111 Broadway on October 14.



Volunteer and Intern with Us!

If you think what we are doing is important and interesting, imagine taking an active role! Safe Harbors, the Ritz Theater, and the Ann Street Gallery have a variety of volunteer and internship opportunities available. We seek dependable, enthusiastic people who have interests and experience in the following areas: marketing, research, development, architecture, green initiatives, special events, human and social services, computers, library science, tutoring, performing arts, visual arts, docenting, art history and business. For more information call June Henley at (845) 562-6940 ext. 110 or email jhenley@safe-harbors.org. **Thank you to our Summer 2011 Interns Elizabeth Parisi (left) and Tovah Goldfarb (right), pictured at left. They were incredibly helpful throughout the entire summer.**



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Your donation or ongoing pledge will help Safe Harbors to continue its important mission.

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Consider leaving a legacy to help sustain Safe Harbors.

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Safe Harbors has many volunteer and internship opportunities available.

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