



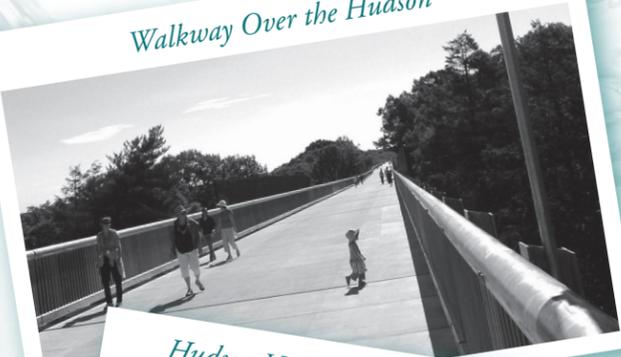
Assemblyman Frank Skartados:

# Rediscover the Hudson Valley

Your 2012 'Staycation' Guide

## So many things to do right here at home 2012 Hudson Valley 'Staycation'

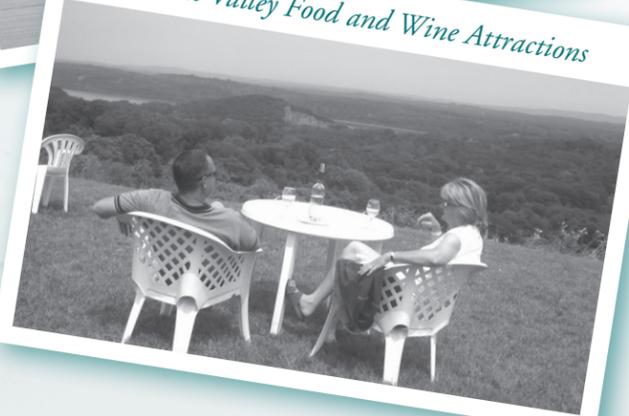
*Walkway Over the Hudson*



### **Walkway Over the Hudson**

The newest and one of the most spectacular state parks is right here in the Hudson Valley. The Walkway Over the Hudson opened in 2009 and provides a new perspective of the Hudson River. At 6,767 feet, the Walkway is the second longest pedestrian bridge in the world and rises 212 feet above the Hudson. Visit [www.walkway.org](http://www.walkway.org).

*Hudson Valley Food and Wine Attractions*



### **Hudson Valley Food and Wine Attractions**

The Hudson Valley and Catskill regions contain 430 acres of vineyards and numerous bonded wineries, specializing in Seyval, Chardonnay, red blends and fruit wines.

On the west side of the Hudson River, wineries have joined to form the Shawangunk Wine Trail. On the east side of the river, wineries have joined to form the Dutchess Wine Trail. Both trails host events and festivals throughout the summer that celebrate our proud food and wine heritage.

### **Local Events and Festivals**

Take advantage of as many Hudson Valley events as you can throughout the summer, whether it's county fairs or events hosted on the banks of the beautiful Hudson River, like the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival at the Boscobel House & Gardens in Garrison.

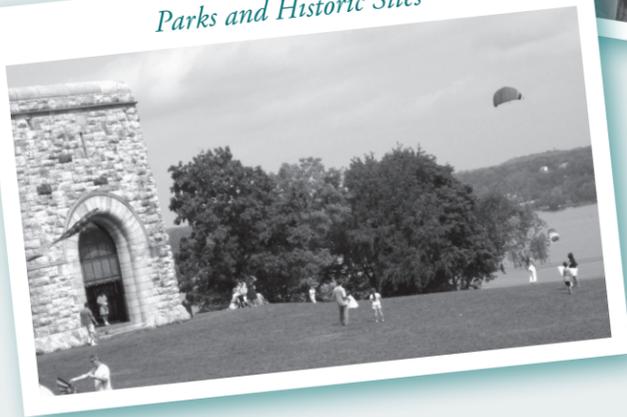
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### **Parks and Historic Sites**

New York State is home to some of the most beautiful and picturesque parks in the United States. As Hudson Valley residents, we are fortunate to have so many of these treasures right in our own backyard. The abundance and variety of these state parks make them a cost-effective alternative to more expensive vacations, and offer camping, fishing, picnicking and boating. The Hudson Valley is also home to fantastic historical sites, such as Washington's Headquarters in Newburgh and the Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site in Hyde Park.

*Parks and Historic Sites*



# Assemblyman Frank Skartados invites you to *Rediscover the Hudson Valley*

## Food and Wine in the Hudson Valley

### Bounty of the Hudson Wine Festival – July 28-29

Tastings from all wineries on the Shawangunk Wine Trail, samples from area restaurants, farm fresh produce, live music and cooking workshops.

Hosted by Warwick Valley Winery, Warwick  
Noon-5 p.m. 256-8456  
Purchase tickets online at:  
[www.gunkswine.com](http://www.gunkswine.com)



For a full list of wineries in our region, please visit:  
[www.newyorkwines.org/WineCountry/HudsonRiver.ashx](http://www.newyorkwines.org/WineCountry/HudsonRiver.ashx)

### Hudson Valley RibFest – Aug. 18-19

Ulster County Fairgrounds  
249 Libertyville Road, New Paltz  
Sat. 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.  
Sun. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
[www.hudsonvalleyribfest.org](http://www.hudsonvalleyribfest.org)

### Hudson Valley Wine & Food Fest – Sept. 8-9

Dutchess County Fairgrounds, Rhinebeck  
Sat. 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.,  
Sun. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
[www.hudsonvalleywinefest.com](http://www.hudsonvalleywinefest.com)

## Local Farmers Markets

### Highland Farmers Market

Town Field adjacent to municipal parking lot off Main Street  
Wednesdays 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.  
June 20 – Oct. 10  
Kate Jonietz - 691-2144

### Newburgh Mall Farmers Market

Newburgh Mall parking lot  
Saturdays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
July 7 – Sept. 29  
Katie Levato - 564-1400



For a complete list of farmers markets in the area, you can visit:  
[www.agmkt.state.ny.us/AP/CommunityFarmersMarkets.asp](http://www.agmkt.state.ny.us/AP/CommunityFarmersMarkets.asp)

### Newburgh/Healthy Orange Farmers Market

House of Refuge parking lot 131 Broadway  
Tuesdays 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
July 10 – Oct. 30  
Jeffrey Woody - 565-5910

### Beacon Farmers Market

Riverside, on pier across from train station  
Sundays 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
(Winter 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.)  
Year Round  
Dana O'Malley - 234-9325

### Poughkeepsie Main Street Farmers Market

Pulaski Park on Washington Street  
Walkway Over the Hudson  
Fridays 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.  
June 1 – Oct. 26  
Asher Burkhart-Spielgel  
485-6243

## Parks and historic sites

*Minnewaska State Park in Ulster County* is on the dramatic Shawangunk Mountain ridge that rises more than 2,000 feet above sea level. The terrain is rugged and rocky, blanketed by dense hardwood forests encircling two lakes.

*Washington's Headquarters* celebrates the critical months that General George Washington spent at Newburgh, where he made some of his most important contributions to shaping the American republic.

*Highland Lakes State Park* consists of more than 3,000 acres of undeveloped woods and lakes in Orange County, featuring fishing, hiking and horseback riding.

*National Purple Heart Hall of Honor* pays tribute to the men and women who have been awarded the Purple Heart.

*Walkway Over the Hudson* provides a new perspective on natural beauty with the Hudson River's breathtaking landscape on full display for pedestrians, hikers, joggers, bicyclists and people with disabilities.

*Hudson Highlands* is a mostly undeveloped preserve of nearly 6,000 acres, perfect for fishing, boating, hiking and birding. The park's extensive hiking trail network includes terrain that varies from easy to challenging.

*The Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site in Hyde Park* offers daily tours of Springwood and Top Cottage. Admission includes the FDR Presidential Library & Museum.

*Val-Kill* is the only National Historic Site dedicated to a first lady, Eleanor Roosevelt.



### Dutchess County Fair Aug. 21-26

[www.dutchessfair.com](http://www.dutchessfair.com)

### Orange County Fair July 13-29

[www.orangecountyfair.com](http://www.orangecountyfair.com)

### Ulster County Fair July 31 - Aug. 5

[www.ulstercountyfair.com](http://www.ulstercountyfair.com)



*Assemblyman Skartados celebrating the Walkway Over the Hudson Lighting Ceremony.*

## To plan your vacation visit these useful links

[www.dutchesstourism.com](http://www.dutchesstourism.com)  
[www.ulstertourism.info](http://www.ulstertourism.info)  
[www.travelhudsonvalley.org](http://www.travelhudsonvalley.org)  
[www.hvnet.com](http://www.hvnet.com)

[www.iloveny.com](http://www.iloveny.com)  
[www.nysparks.com](http://www.nysparks.com)  
[www.meetmeinmarlborough.com](http://www.meetmeinmarlborough.com)

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