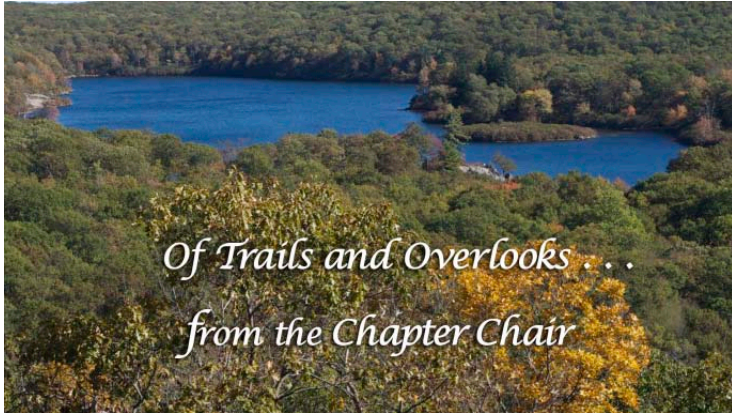




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“Are you new?” he asked. I was at EMS on Route 17, representing the ADK at Club Days, and had given this fellow one of our new brochures. I explained who we were as the New York Chapter, told how long we had been in existence, and spoke about the wonders of our Camp on Lake Sebago. But long after the day had ended, his question lingered on in my mind: Are we new? It is a question that gives us pause and challenges how we, individually and as an outdoor group we call the New York Chapter, succeed in renewing and re-inspiring ourselves and others over time. How do we continually re-make ourselves so that we can truly be alive and thriving?

For us who go into the woods for a hike, or climb into the mountains, or go to a lake or the seashore, I think we find a way to be new again by going into nature and allowing it to speak to us. Taking to the woods, even if it just a local park, has a way of being restorative. We re-discover how calming, healing and energizing being ‘in the wild’ is. It is a way of centering ourselves, finding balance, so we can deal with the details and stresses of our daily lives. Henry David Thoreau was so convinced of this that he gave us the famous quote: “In the wilderness is the preservation of the world.” John Muir wrote: “Thousands of tired, nerve-shaken, over-civilized people are beginning to find out that going to the mountains is going home; that wildness is a necessity; and that mountain parks and reservations are useful not only as fountains of timber and irrigating rivers, but as fountains of life.”

The recognition of how important and valuable the ‘wilderness’ is for the health of both individuals and society as a whole inspired a group of 40 people to meet in the Log Cabin on top of the old Abercrombie and Fitch sporting goods store in Manhattan in December 1921 to begin to form an organization that we know as the Adirondack Mountain Club. The Club was officially incorporated on April 25, 1922, and at their business meeting of October 13, 1922 the club formally recognized the establishment of local chapters at Albany and New York City (New York Chapter). In forming the Club, these early leaders acknowledged

not only that they were individuals, but that they were also part of society and a community. What they experienced as revitalizing them on a personal level, also contained the insight that the whole human community would benefit and be healthier with wilderness rather than without it. Gifford Pinchot, the first chief of the U.S. Forest Service, was an early member of the ADK; Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt were Life Members. All of us as members of the New York Chapter, individually and as a group, continue to live out the realization and experience of how vital ‘wilderness’ is to our well-being. In the Work Day we had on May 18th, thirty-five members, of different ages, personalities and backgrounds, came together in a spirit of work and cooperation to get Camp Nawakwa in tip-top shape for the new camp season. Nawakwa and its buildings might be 87 years old, but what was evident on Work Day was the vitality, life, and health of our Chapter. So whether it’s on weekends or hikes, trail clearings or Board meetings, remember that we are alive and well, constantly renewing ourselves and one another through our shared experience and love of ‘wilderness.’

Ray Kozma, Chapter Chair

Latest Donors to Camp Improvement Sustainability Fund

Thank you for your generosity!

Alan & Juliet Bloss
Betty Mae Papirio
Jerry & Susanne Flower



Zoe and Jessica honing their rock climbing skills during Memorial Day Weekend

Hosted Weekends: June–August 2013

(visit www.adkny.org for frequent updates)

To host a weekend or midweek, contact Host Chair:

Janet Sibarium (212) 254 0738

Email: jansib@mindspring.com

Commissary Concerns?

Call or email Maryann Poris (973) 731-7117

maporis@aol.com

A note to hosts: There is a limit of one host plus one co-host per weekend or midweek, and both host and co-host must be either a keyholder or an applicant. This includes summers and holidays. This also includes families with adult and minor children.

Thinking of driving up to camp from the city for the weekend? Please consider giving a lift to another camp member who does not have a car. Suse Wenzel has generously offered to co-ordinate. If you can offer a ride from the city or Sloatsburg bus station (call Friday before 7 pm).

If you need a ride call Friday between 8 pm to 9:30 pm only.

Suse Wenzel Tel. 212-864-1538

Midweek June 10 – 14 • Need Midweek Host(s)

June 15 – 16 • Father's Day Weekend

Join Don and Teri Gabel for Father's Day Weekend. Menu will be seasonal and easy preparation: including make-your-own salad with a variety of veggies, cheeses, meats, and dressings, as well as fresh bread. Breakfast will be a variety of veggie, seafood, and meat quiches and fruit. Please e-mail or call by Thursday and leave a message, which meals you're registering for and if you are vegetarian.

Co-Hosts: Don and Teri Gabel

e-mail: Don Gabel dgabel@nybg.org Tel: 845-359-7518

Midweek June 17 – 21 • Need Midweek Host(s)

June 22 – 23 • Early Summer Simple Pleasures Weekend

Menu still to be planned, but there will be carnivore and vegetarian fare alike. Kick out the jams with this early summer weekend.

Host: Kim King kimking@artpost.com home 845-679-3880, cell 845-802-3518.

Host will be at Camp Friday night. Please register by Thursday, 9:00pm

Midweek June 24 – 26 • Need Midweek Host(s)

Midweek June 27 – 28 • Midweek Host: Derek Lomer

June 29 – 30 • Mother-Daughter Encore

Kick off the end of school celebration/unofficial beginning of summer fun with Carol and Elizabeth, the dynamic duo. At press time, menu wasn't yet planned, but rest assured, appetites (carnivores and vegetarians) will be satisfied.

Co-Hosts: Carol Burns and Elizabeth Ruiz- Gomez

e-ruizgomez2000@yahoo.com 718-816-1933

July 1 – 4 • Midweek Hosts: Lisa North & Andreas North

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE HOST WILL BE USING BOTH REFRIGERATORS FROM JULY 4TH – 7TH. DAY HIKERS/ CAMPER WILL NOT BE ABLE TO STORE THEIR LUNCHES IN THE REFRIGERATORS, AND ARE ADVISED TO BRING INSULATED LUNCH BAGS.

July 4 – 7 • !FOURTH 'O JULY WEEKEND!

It's a four-day Fourth!! Join Noel and Laura for a long, laid-back, weekend of those traditional Nawawka pursuits: hiking, boating, swimming, snoozing. Plenty of barbeque and other lazy, hazy delights. Come for all or part of the weekend.

Co-Hosts: Laura Sunderlin and Noel Schulz (Registrar)

noelschulz@verizon.net or tel.# 201-445-6445; please no calls after 9:00 pm. Deadline is Tuesday, July 2nd at 9:00 pm. If you leave a message, please make sure to say who you are, what meals you are signing up for and a number you can be reached at.

June 8 – 12 • Midweek Host: Doris Repke

July 13 – 14 • Italian Feast

Italian Feast prepared by two aspiring cooks, using a secret recipe from a Sicilian Mom. Please join co-hosts, Ron Engasser & Bill Hladky. You will feast on pasta and pork sausage, fresh salad, gourmet cheeses and French beverages. Hike, swim and/or just relax and enjoy the feast. Hurry!

Seating is limited to no more than 35 lucky folks.

Co-Hosts: Ron Engasser (Registrar) and Bill Hladky

urson@juno.com or tel 631-289-5375.

July 15 – 17 • Midweek Host: Derek Lomer

Midweek July 18 – 19 • Need Midweek Host(s)

July 20 • ANNUAL OPEN BOARD MEETING 11: 00 A.M. AND GAZEBO REDEDICATION 3:00 P.M.

July 20 – 21 • Dinner Three Ways

Nawakwa activities and Nawakwa fun will be capped by Saturday night "Dinner Three Ways," with a first choice of Chili con Elote, a vegetarian chili with fresh local corn, and salad and rice and a variety of fixings; second choice Chili con Elote y Carne, same deal but for the meateaters; and finally, if you want to keep it simple and American, we'll make you a burger and corn on the cob. Please indicate your choice when registering. Please call before 9pm on Thursday July 25. Phone 212-604-9116 or e-mail elsterwood@yahoo.com. Kim King and Laurel Nadler are your hosts for the weekend, Laurel is registrar.

July 22 – 23 • Midweek Host: Ron Engasser

Midweek July 24 – 26 • Need Midweek Host(s)

July 27 – 28 • Mid-Summer Weekend

Celebrate the end of summer school session with Yajing and Emily! Enjoy healthy tasty, simply prepared seasonal food. Co-Hosts: YaJing Li & Emily Crowell yajinglee@yahoo.com

Midweek: July 29 – August 2 • Need Midweek Host(s)

August 3 – 4 • Need Host(s)

Midweek: August 5 – 9 • Midweek Host: Steve Barre

August 10 – 11 • Camp Friends Hosting Encore:

Last year's co-hosting was so much fun, that Jill and Hsin decided to do an encore. Enjoy a delicious healthy seasonal menu (with vegetarian options) and a comfortable, relaxed weekend.

Co-Hosts: Jill Appel and Hsin Wang

hzw31@verizon.net and jappelny@hotmail.com

Midweek: August 12 -16 • Need Midweek Host(s)

August 17 – 18 • Need Host

Midweek: August 19 – 23 • Need Midweek Host(s)

August 24 – 25 • Co-Hosts: Jerry & Susanne Flower

Midweek: August 26 – 30 Midweek Host: Kim King

Labor Day Weekend: Aug. 31– Sept. 1

End the summer season with a traditional BBQ, plenty of seasonal vegetables and fruits and lots of fun!

Host: Kim King kimking@artpost.com

September 3 – 6 Midweek Host: Derek Lomer

ADK's 2013 Spring Outing

This year's Spring Outing is being hosted by the Laurentian Chapter at SUNY Potsdam on June 14-15-16.

Detailed information and registration forms for the outing are here: <http://adklaurentian.org/springouting2013/> Information is also available in ADIRONDAC magazine under seasonal outings.

Thank you on behalf of the ADK Outings Committee. Mary Krueger, Seasonal Outings Coordinator

Hikes: June–July 2013

(visit www.adkny.org for frequent updates)

Hikes Chairperson: Glen Nison

718-625-2182

gnisonbike@juno.com

Please check schedules of various public transportation options as fares and schedules may have changed.

Saturday, June 15 • Fahnestock

Various trails through woods and high-level meadows with a profusion of wildflowers and alpine-like vistas. Approximately 8 miles at a moderate pace. Out around 5. No need to register, but you must call or preferably email me beforehand to make sure the hike is on, and if you need or can offer a ride from NYC. Take the 9:50 Hudson Line train from GCT arriving in Cold Spring at 11:00. This train may also be boarded 9:40 at the Marble Hill station (one block from the 225th St. stop on the #1 subway), with a change at Croton-Harmon for the express. Please sit in the first or second open car of the train. Sorry, but no children, no pets, no smoking. Qualifying and joint with AMC.

Bob Susser 212 666-4371; rsusser@aol.com

Sunday, June 16 • Kakiat Circular

Brisk 11-mile hike from Kakiat County Park into Harriman, circling around various streams and lakes, and ending up back where we started from. Some steep ups and downs will make for a vigorous workout, so bring plenty of water (at least 2 quarts). Bus riders take 8:15 AM Shortline bus from PABT to Suffern, arriving at 9:06. Drivers meet in parking lot in Suffern at the junction of Rtes 59 and 202. There will be a short shuttle to the trailhead. Joint with AMC. Qualifying.

Leader: Ingrid Strauch istrauch11@yahoo.com.

Sunday, June 23 • Highlights of Central Park

North Woods, Conservatory Gardens, The Ravine, Belvedere Castle, Shakespeare Garden, and The Ramble, ending up around 1:15 at the Boat Basin Cafe or at another convenient & inexpensive restaurant for lunch. Take the No. 2 or 3 subway to 110th St. & Lenox Ave. -- then walk a short distance east inside the park to the Dana Discovery Visitors Center (bathrooms!), where we will meet at 10:30. Call or preferably email me beforehand to make sure the walk is on. No smoking.

Bob Susser 212 666-4371; rsusser@aol.com

Saturday, July 6 • Nawakwa to Parker Cabin Hollow

A moderate 6 mile hike from Nawakwa to Tuxedo Park & Ride via the Sebago Lake camp trail and Triangle, White Bar and Parker Cabin Hollow trails. Tuxedo Park & Ride at 8:50 a.m., leave a car or two and drive to Sloatsburg Municipal Building to meet bus riders at 9:15 a.m. and drive to Nawakwa to park cars and start hike. Bus riders take the 8:30 a.m. Coach Shortline bus from PABT to Sloatsburg. Leader will be on the bus. At the end of the hike the hikers can return to Nawakwa for a swim. All hikers call leader for planning purposes. Qualifying.

Leader - John Lipsett: 212-867- 8280(b), 212- 867-8280 (h).

For listings of hikes not necessarily led by members of ADKNY, (and not necessarily qualifying) try these links:

<http://www.nynjtc.org/content/scheduled-hikes>

<http://www.hudsonhikers.org/schedules.html>

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Key-holder's Special Option: *The Annual Nawakwa Passport*

For New York Chapter members who are key-holders, there is a new, optional way to cover the cost of Day Fees. Key-holders may continue to pay the \$10 Day Fee for each day they decide to use camp, or for an annual, up-front fee, they may choose to participate in the new *Annual Nawakwa Passport*, which will cover the Day Fee cost for an unlimited number of visits to camp per calendar year. The Board hopes that, by making the payment of the Camp Fee as convenient as possible, more key-holders will use Camp Nawakwa on a more regular basis. Upon arrival at camp when you sign-in to register at the desk, in the column listed for Day Fee, Passport holders will sign NP and the five-digit number of their Passport. The cost of this *Annual Nawakwa Passport* is \$125 per individual key-holder and is non-transferable. Please note that the Passport exempts only one individual adult key-holder from paying Day Fees. There is no family category for the passport. If a key-holder with the Passport brings spouse, children, other family members or guests to camp, these other must pay the Camp Fees as usual.

To obtain an *Annual Nawakwa Passport*, key-holders should send their request, with their name address, phone number and check (payable to the New York Chapter, Inc.), to the Chapter Chair, Ray Kozma, at:

Raymond Kozma, Chapter Chair
New York Chapter-ADK
585 North Railroad Ave-3D
Staten Island, NY 10304

News From the Main Club

The Main Club has announced their intention to re-invigorate the Membership and Development Committee of ADK, under the direction of Jean-Claude Fouere. They are looking for individuals who might have interest and some expertise to join the committee in this endeavor. If you or anyone you know might be interested, please contact Jean-Claude directly at 845-462-1909.

Archivist Needed

The Board is seeking someone to fill the role of Archivist for the New York Chapter. After 90 years, we have accumulated a lot of history, but have never collected and catalogued it in any organized fashion. If we could do so, such an archive would be a benefit for the Chapter now and for the future. Knowing our history (literally a 'radical' thing, since it will take us back to our roots) could be both inspiring and rejuvenating for the New York Chapter, as well as a resource for future research.

An archive, by definition, is "a place or collection containing records, documents, or other materials of historical interest," "a repository for stored memories or information." The Archivist is the one who would find/collect the material and store/organize it. Implicit (in these days of computers) is the possibility of having tapes or videos, perhaps recordings of the recollections and reminiscences of those long-time members or a visual tour of Camp Nawakwa. In addition to the physical storing of material, our web page could offer an electronic way to have the material available for easy access. The Archivist, of course, could be a committee and not just one person, the members of which could all share in working together for the common goal.

If you have an interest in this new position, please speak to any of the Board members or contact Ray Kozma, the Chapter Chair, at rmk129koz@aol.com.

May 18 – 19 • Annual Spring Clean Up/Work Weekend

Thanks to everybody who came up to help get our camp into shape for the season! It couldn't have happened without you. Many thanks to Janet Sibarium and Everod Carter for their hospitality and providing all the delicious food. As Chapter Chair Ray Kozma noted on page 1, there were a lot of mouths to feed!



Marta, Everod and Janet



Teri on window detail



Mark and Ed



Mark inspecting the newly modernized facilities



David, Bill and Steve in negotiations with a barely movable object



Postprandial conversation

Thanks to Alex Wilkie for these photographs.

Gazebo to be Re-dedicated

July 20, 2013

Construction on our Gazebo at Camp was begun in 1996 and completed by the new camp season of 1997. The official dedication of the Gazebo, in memory of all deceased members of the New York Chapter, was held on July 19, 1997. On July 20th this year, a re-dedication of the Gazebo is planned.

The Gazebo will be cleaned and spruced up, plus a new and weather-proof memorial plaque will be installed (the original having been worn out by time and weather). As we have lost more of our members over the years, this re-dedication will provide us with an opportunity to remember gratefully all those deceased New York Chapter members who have helped make the Chapter and Camp Nawakwa so special. July 20th is the date of the Open Board Meeting at Camp. The re-dedication ceremony will take place after the Board Meeting, in the afternoon, about 3PM. All are invited to attend.

LOCKER ALERT

There are a number of lockers with personal belongings for which we have no record of who these lockers belong to. The locker numbers are #2, #9, #28, #34, #64, and #67.

If you have one of these lockers, please contact Jerry Flower at 212 923-5473 or jerry.flower@verizon.net to discuss renewal of the rental fee or removal of the contents. If we don't hear from you by June 30, 2013, the lockers will be emptied out and made available to new key holders.

THE NAWAKWAN GODZILLA



Bill Hladky



David and Giaco grilling kebobs Memorial Day Weekend

Kim Waldhauer

Conservation and Education Committee

by Don Gabel

Emerald Ash Borer in The Lower Hudson Valley Our Forest is at risk! What can you do?

July 27 @ 10:00 a.m. Camp Nawakwa

Join us at New York Chapter - ADK Camp Nawakwa on July 27 and learn more about this and other invasive pests that threaten our forest. Learn how to identify EAB infested ash trees, and what to do if you think you have found one of these pests. Please visit us at <http://adkny.org> to find instructions and rules for visiting and or staying over at the camp. The two hour program will start at 10:00 a.m. Bring a lunch, sit back and enjoy!

Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is an invasive insect from Asia that has caused catastrophic damage to all native species of ash (*Fraxinus* spp.) In the lower Hudson Valley Ash trees comprise about 20% of the woodland. The insect bores into and eats healthy, living, ash trees vascular tissue causing tree mortality in just a year or two. EAB has been a significant problem in Wisconsin for more than a decade, causing massive ash tree loss in the urban and forest environment. The insect has been killing all ash trees in the areas that it has infested. The lower Hudson Valley has approx 20% ash in its forested areas. EAB has spread to Western NY and now to the lower Hudson Valley. Infestations have been found in areas as close as Orange County. EAB is now found in several major (as yet undefined) areas in four counties along the Hudson River. NYS has defined a quarantine area of live or dead ash wood. The parameters of the quarantine consist of not moving ash materials such as firewood, nursery stock, raw wood materials (not kiln dried) such as baseball bats and furniture outside the quarantine area. The quarantine is now extended from the NYS Thruway (I-90) south to the northern borders of Rockland County and NYC. This is in addition to multiple western NY counties. Rockland, NYC, and Long Island are not included in the quarantine. There have been recent infestation jumps to locations over a hundred miles away from any known infestation, the most recent in Concord, NH. The USDA and the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets are investing considerable resources to combat this exotic pest. One of the biggest outreach programs is designed to educate people about EAB, and make them aware of the NYS law restricting the movement of firewood more than 50 miles from its origin. May 19-24 is EAB awareness week in NYS. Many states, and soon the Federal government, will join in on the firewood movement ban. So what can you do? As outdoor enthusiasts you are out in the wooded areas of our state forests and parklands. A large part of the State and Federal outreach programs, is to train people to be first detectors. Hikers and campers can be a vital part of the SLAM (slow ash mortality) by finding a EAB infestation before it becomes very large or by finding the leading edge of an infestation.



photo composite from www.DATCPEmeraldAshBorer@wisconsin.gov

NEW EXHIBITION AT THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF ROCKLAND COUNTY WILL COMMEMORATE THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF GROUP CAMPS IN HARRIMAN STATE PARK

2013 will mark the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Harriman State Park Group Summer Camps program. In celebration of this important centennial, the Historical Society of Rockland County (HSRC) is delighted to announce that it will host an exhibition of the Harriman Camp Experience. The exhibition is being curated by Sue Scher.

The exhibition will open on May, 18 2013, and will continue through September 15, 2013. Exhibition hours are Wednesdays through Sundays, Noon – 4pm. Admission is FREE (donations are greatly appreciated).

The group camping program started 100 years ago with the belief that parks should be for all people, particularly the underprivileged that did not have fresh air or leisure time. To address the needs of the urban poor, particularly in NYC, the Palisades Interstate Parks Commission instituted social relief programs at more than 100 camp facilities in Harriman State Park. Sponsored by social and philanthropic organizations, thousands of New York and New Jersey children came to the park every summer to experience nature. The program was so successful that it was repeatedly emulated throughout the country.

This exhibition will tell their stories using archival photos, historical text, video clips, camp paraphernalia, interactive maps, and visual presentations. It will also include an interactive component allowing visitors to record their own camp stories to help create an oral history of the program. Primarily, the exhibit will feature the children's camps, but will also highlight the worker, family, and outdoor camps.

The HSRC is also planning auxiliary programming throughout the run of the exhibition including:

Thursday, July 18 at 7:15pm – Gallery Walk and Presentation by Curator Sue Scher

Sunday, August 18 at 3pm – Family Nature Program

This exhibition has been made possible by generous contributions from: United Water, Orange & Rockland Utilities, The Sheridan Family, The Len Camber Trust, The Palisades Park Conservancy and Sotheby's. In addition, the HSRC gives special thanks to the Elizabeth Sayles, Maryann Struett and The Palisades Interstate Parks Commission for their assistance with the preparation of this exhibition.

The Historical Society of Rockland County is a nonprofit educational institution and principal repository for original documents and artifacts relating to Rockland County. Its headquarters are a four-acre site featuring a history museum and the 1832 Jacob Blaauvelt House located at 20 Zukor Road, New City, New York 10956.

Best wishes for a full and speedy recovery to Leni Tabb, who fractured her hip and wrist while playing tennis earlier this spring. After surgery and rehab, she is progressing nicely, and hopes to be able to host again in the fall!

In Memoriam: Alice Maram

Alice was a feisty woman with strong opinions. She could often be found sitting on the porch engaging in a lively debate or just relaxing enjoying nature. She gave tirelessly to Nawakwa during her early membership, volunteering for whatever needed doing. As her health failed, she found it too difficult to come to camp, but she never forgot Nawakwa. It was a very special place to her.

-Marilyn Varley

In Memoriam: Ellen V. Libretto

LIBRETTO--Ellen V., 66, passed away Saturday, May 4th after a brief illness. A fifth generation New Yorker and graduate of Queens College, BA 68 anthropology MLS 1970. She held a managerial position in New York City public libraries coordinating young adult services, training librarians, working with teams and coordinating reading materials for adults. Following a career in the library system, she joined Random House as library marketing manager for Ballantine



Books where she worked with such authors as Ray Bradbury, Elizabeth Berg, Anne Perry and Colin Powell. After leaving Random House, she consulted on library marketing for several independent publishers. As an author, she wrote the YA non-fiction book "The General Slocum Ferryboat Fire of 1904", as well as books in the library field including "New Directions for Young Adult Services" and the much referenced "High/Low Handbooks: Best Books and Web Sites for Reluctant Teen Readers". She dedicated her recent retirement time to the research of a documentary DVD, now under production about her great-grandfather, world famous sculpture and artist Frederick Triebel whose works include the Soldiers and Sailors Monument in Peoria, IL, honoring those who served in the Civil War. Libretto is survived by husband Adam Conrad, brother George Stauffer and in her words "a motley crew of cousins and friends".

The New York Chapter's sincere condolences go to her husband, long-time member Adam Conrad.



Profile of Members: Jerry and Susanne Flower

by Janet Sibarium

Jerry and Susanne Flower's association with Nawakwa began in 2003 when Ed O'Donnell, a long time running friend, invited them for a November hike. Neither of them had ever hiked; in fact they did not even have boots or back packs. Being true urbanites, they were unaware of the proximity of Harriman to NYC. It was an eye-opening experience. Their desire for membership at Nawakwa was cemented with their introduction to Laura Sunderland and the joys of cooking in the communal kitchen. That post-Thanksgiving hike quickly led to active participation in Nawakwa activities and biannual excursions to August Camp.

Jerry and Susanne became key-holders in 2004. Within months of obtaining their key-holder status the Flowers hosted their first Nawakwa Thanksgiving. Over the years, they have hosted numerous Thanksgiving dinners, summer holiday week-ends and other week-ends.

Jerry was soon elected to the Board of Directors and volunteered to be Membership Chair. While on the Board, he initiated strategic planning, spearheaded revitalization of the membership function, simplified the key-holder application process, and arranged for the development of a Nawakwa-maintained membership database. He, together with former Chapter Chair, Ed O'Donnell, and a former member, was instrumental in modernizing and expanding the functionality of the ADK NY web site. In addition, Jerry organized and set up systems for locker assignments and key storage.

After 8 years of active Board membership, Jerry has recently stepped down from the Board. He continues as Membership Chair, handles locker assignments and distributes camp keys to new members.

Susanne is a master of organization in the kitchen and has a way of making hosting look easy. She has readily mentored other members new to hosting. She was editor of the Trail Marker for a year when it was still being printed and mailed to all members.

Although they remain engaged in camp activities, both of them still maintain full-time careers. Susanne is Associate Dean of Graduate Nursing Programs at Long Island University's Brooklyn Campus, and Jerry is a Senior Data Architect with healthcare provider Express Scripts. A dedicated runner for many years, Jerry has taken up yoga, while Susanne enjoys Pilates.

Our chapter has benefited tremendously from Jerry and Susanne's active involvement. Recently the Flowers made a generous donation to the NY Chapter Camp Improvement/Sustainability Fund of \$10,000 from the Flower Family Foundation.

Their continued financial support is in appreciation for the warm welcome of old time members to newcomers and to more recent newcomers for making Nawakwa a very special place. They hope their support will assure that hiking and the camaraderie at Nawakwa continues. They also hope their gift will inspire other members to think about how they can contribute in volunteer hours or monetary contributions to assure the future of Nawakwa.



Russell working the flat top Memorial Day weekend



Hikers on the White Bar trail



Kalmia latifolia, "mountain laurel"

May 25 – 27 • Memorial Day Weekend

The weather wasn't exactly ideal but that didn't stop 39 members, applicants and guests from coming to camp to help Russell and Giacomo celebrate the holiday weekend. 27 campers stayed overnight. Many thanks to everybody who shared the time with us and helped out, and especially to Kim Waldhauer, who made her famous baba ganoush, and Terri Zubarik, whose lovely rhubarb cake was the perfect dessert.



That's a lot of plates

Kim Waldhauer



Dinner time!



Lilian, Zoe and Jessica



Ready for breakfast



One of many batches of fluffy pancakes