

The Trail Marker

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View From the Chair

Traveling the Open Road

*Ah, dear nature—the mere remembrance, after a short forgetfulness, of the pine woods!
I come to it as a hungry man to a crust of bread.—H. D. Thoreau*

From the site HISTORYNET, we learn that Henry David Thoreau and Walt Whitman were contemporaries and first met each other in 1856.

At that first meeting, it was reported that “Each seemed planted fast in reserve, surveying the other curiously, like two beasts . . . each wondering what the other would do, whether to snap or to run.” Luckily for us and history, they became friends and admirers of one another, joined together in their “joyous love of nature.”

Unless you were fortunate to go south and escape the northeast’s winter, you can relate to the quote from Thoreau above: After a ‘short forgetfulness’ of winter, we are hungry for nature, for the woods and lakes of Harriman, and for our return to Camp Nawakwa.

Although the calendar notes that Spring and the vernal equinox occur on March 19th this year, we know that the ground is still cold and the breeze

too cool, with real spring weather happening just about the time of the opening of Camp Nawakwa, which this year will be April 27-28, 2024. [See inside on page 4 for the details of this year’s work weekend and opening of camp.]

The Camp Calendar has been sent to members so hosted weekends can be scheduled for the enjoyment of members, applicants, and guests. Hikes and various activities are being scheduled.

A new group of applicants are on hand, eager to meet members, to learn about Camp Nawakwa and our history, and to become Keyholders [See the names of the most recent applicants on page 14].

The enthusiasm we feel at the opening of camp speaks to the teamwork and camaraderie we have enjoyed together for over one hundred years. Like Whitman and Thoreau, we have grown to support and admire one another “in the joyous love of nature.”

-Ray Kozma, NOANY Chair

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Notice: Members occasionally receive email notifications about hosted weekends, hikes, and related Camp events. These notifications are only to be sent by the Secretary, by the Hosting Committee, or by the Website Editor.

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Deadline for submissions to the next edition of the Trail Marker (June-July 2024) is May 21, 2024.

Please send to Raymond Kozma TrailMarker@noany.org

Appointment of an Extra Director to the NOANY Board of Directors

As per our new Bylaws, which were approved by the membership at the Annual Meeting last October, the Board of Directors has been expanded by one member (from ten members to eleven members). The extra member allows for the same minimum number required for a quorum, eliminates the potential for a tie when voting, and adds another member who can make valuable contributions to the Board's discussion. The Board appointed Dave Hayes to be the added Director. He will serve the usual two-year term of office, ending 12/31/25.

Annual Nawakwa Passport

The Annual Nawakwa Passport for 2024 is now available for all Keyholders.

The Annual Passport covers the Day and Overnight Fees for all visits to camp for the calendar year. [Reminder: If a Passport holder brings spouse, children, other family members or guests to camp, these others must pay the appropriate Camp Fees, as usual.]

Please note: Now that the COVID-19 Pandemic is officially over, we are returning to the cost of the Passport that we had prior to the pandemic. The cost for the 2024 individual Keyholder Passport, which is non-transferable, is \$150.

The Annual Nawakwa Passport may be obtained two ways:

1. Payments can be sent electronically via Zelle® to rocheleau3@gmail.com noting "Passport 2024"
2. To pay by check, please make check payable to "NOANY" and add "Passport 2024" in the memo line. Please send your check to:

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Camp Committee News

Dave Hayes, Chair

Hello Fellow Nawakwans,

Spring officially arrived on Tuesday March 19th! This is our signal to start thinking about time spent at camp and how we all immensely enjoy the space and the community we have built together.

With Spring's arrival, soon after comes camp's opening Work Weekend. This is a great opportunity for Members and Applicants to work side by side and enjoy the feeling of pride for our space! As an entirely member driven organization we have no paid staff and rely on everyone's contributions of time to help keep camp in working order.

The workday itself is planned for Saturday April 27th with a 10:00 am start time. We will work until approximately 1:00 pm and then break for a hearty lunch of soup and sandwiches. Work will resume at approximately 2:30 and continue until around 4:00pm (or sooner if we have a large turnout).

Please RSVP for the workday by Wednesday 4/24 so we can estimate the amount of lunch needed. RSVP to Camp@noany.org or call Dave Hayes at 631-747-0132 with any questions. Qualifying.

Sincerely,
Dave Hayes, Camp Chair

Trails Committee News

Mary James, Co-chair

**Trail Maintenance: Qualifying Work Activity
Saturday, April 20th, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

Meet at the end (circle) of Johnstontown Road, Sloatsburg at 10:30 a.m. Pick-up available at the Sloatsburg bus stop for the Coach USA Bus that arrives in Sloatsburg shortly after 10 a.m. Please let us know if you need a pickup.

Wear sturdy footwear, long pants and shirt sleeves. Bring a day pack containing adequate layers, hat, gloves and outerwear for comfort in changeable April weather conditions. Bring a packed lunch, snacks and 2 quarts water/ drink.

We will provide work gloves, safety glasses and tools including your choice of hand pruners, hedge shears, loppers and small saws (or bring your own tools if you have them).

Come and join us if you'd enjoy a little physical work in good company; work that will keep our trails safe and enjoyable for all! In addition, for those who wish, consider joining us for the optional hosted weekend at Nawakwa after our trail work. Inclement weather forecast will cancel.

RSVP: Contact Mary James maryelizjames@gmail.com or text 914 649 2288 by April 15th.
See the [noany.org](https://www.noany.org) calendar of events for trail maintenance work days and opportunities in 2024!

Mary James
Trails Committee Co-chair

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Coming Weekends at Camp Nawakwa

Notes on Hosting

Updates to this hosting schedule will be provided in the weekly hosting emails sent out by the Hosting Committee. To host a weekend or midweek, contact Hosting Committee:

Co-chair: Maryann Poris maporis@aol.com.

Co-chair: Mary Hilley hilley66@gmail.com

Commissary Concerns?

Call or email Maryann Poris (973) 731-7117 maporis@aol.com

There is a limit of one host plus one co-host per weekend or midweek

Hosted Weekend - April 20 - 21

Welcome Spring with a little trail love - join us in trail maintenance and chow!
[See the Trail Maintenance activity description on page 4.]

Vegetarian menu includes loaded nachos, build your own tacos, lentil soup and dessert. Dinner and breakfast. Refreshments served, please BYOB. We're not sure if water will be on by then - we'll have well water but if you prefer filtered water pls bring more for yourselves.

To register for the weekend: Please email Laura Zan at zanicca@gmail.com by Thursday April 18th by noon on what meals you'll join, applicant or keyholder.

Saturday, April 27, 2024

Spring Work Day and Lunch

All Hands on Deck!

[See details of the Work Day under the Camp Committee column, page 4. Please RSVP for the workday by Wednesday 4/24. RSVP to Camp@noany.org or call Dave Hayes at 631-747-0132 with any questions. To register for lunch, see below for registering with Janet.]

Nutritious, tasty, easy to prep, complimentary lunch for all volunteers!

Sandwiches: Organic turkey and Swiss cheese (extra cheese for vegetarians) with organic lettuce and tomatoes, fruit, granola bars, coffee, tea, spring water. If temperature is chilly, lunch may also include homemade veggie bean soup.

Please register by Wednesday, April 24th, 9:00 p.m. and specify if you are an omnivore or vegetarian.

Lunch Host: Janet Sibarium Email: janet.sibarium@icloud.com Text or leave a voicemail: 917-318-3361

Painting Party - Weekend of May 18-19, 2024

We had a great time at our Painting Party last May, so we're doing it again!

Join co-hosts Amanda Panzer and Alex Wilkie for a Paint and Sip Party and Hosted Weekend on **May 18/19**. The paint party will run Saturday afternoon, but all weekend meals will be available. First-time painters as well as experienced artists are invited. All painting materials will be provided, but you'll have to bring your inspirational beverage of choice. The cost for the paint party is \$25 per person.

Enrollment is limited to 8 so sign up now if you want to be assured a spot! **For the paint party, email Alex at afwilkie204@gmail.com or text him at 856-630-5607. If you plan to stay for the weekend, text Amanda at 845-702-2859 or email her at amanda.panzer22@gmail.com. Please contact Amanda by 9 p.m. on Thursday, May 16, and let her know if you have any dietary restrictions.**

Hikes and Outings Committee

Hikes and Outings Chairperson: Glen Nison 718-625-2182 gnisonbike@juno.com
For listings of hikes not led by members of NOANY, (and not necessarily qualifying) try the following
link: <http://www.nynjtc.org/content/member-clubs>

Interested in becoming a hike leader? Please send your name, email, and phone number
to Glen expressing your interest in becoming a hike leader for NOANY.

SATURDAY, April 13 - Parker Cabin Mt. from Rt. 17 Registration required.

Pace: slow up hill and moderate downhill. 1100' elevation gain in up and downs.
A bit more than 5 miles, and qualifying.

Trails include Orange White, RD, Yellow triangle out and back from Parker Cabin Mt. Some trails are on old woods road, others on a smoothish surface, and much of the typical Harriman rocky surfaces from erosion. One stream crossing will build focus. Two climbs will meet your cardio pulmonary goals. From Parker Cabin Mt. we can survey the Camp's backyard. Dress for the weather forecasted the morning of the hike. Actual raining cancels. I go dreary to bright sunshine. Bring a lunch, a qt or 2 of liquid, good hiking boots, lunch, snacks, and a map to follow where we go. April sunshine can be strong since there are no leaves so a hat or sunblock might be useful.

Transportation: Short Line Bus, Port authority to Tuxedo, daily bus 9:10 to 10:12. Drivers meet riders at the commuters parking lot Tuxedo. It is the duty of any bus rider to call if the bus is going to be late. We will shuttle to commuter parking at 17a. During the hike we can figure out the best of options for riders returning to NYC.

Please register by Thursday, April 11th, with Leader Bill Hladky
NCA 10pm 914. 874.4640. wehladky@yahoo.com

**See also the Conservation Committee News on page 9
for information on the following events:**

Sunday, April 19th - Spring Bird Walk (non-qualifying)

Sunday, June 9th - Tree ID Hike (non-qualifying)

**Always check the website for updated
listings of hikes: NOANY.org**

Annual Palm Sunday Hike

St. John's Church in the Wilderness
Sunday - March 24, 2024



Although the day before had torrential rains and flooding in our area, Palm Sunday itself was sunny and clear, allowing twenty-two hikers (including eight applicants) to enjoy the six-mile hike to the church of St. John's in the Wilderness. There, the hospitality of the parishioners was once again in great evidence as the parishioners welcomed our group and others to the festivities. The tradition of the Palm Sunday hike goes back to at least 1935. The picture below shows the rest stop taken at Breakneck Pond. – Ray Kozma



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Activities Committee News

Edie Green, Chair

Fellow Nawakwans, spring has sprung. As the sun peeks out from behind the clouds and the thawed streams babble promises of warmer days ahead, it can only mean one thing: time to visit Camp Nawakwa.

An important approaching event is the annual spring Workday on Saturday, April 27th, 2024. It is an undeniable fact that Camp cannot run smoothly without the collective effort of its membership. Please consider lending a bit of your time at this vital event.

For our members who are eager to explore or get creative, please join:

- * Mary James and Andy Frank for a trail maintenance adventure on April 20th, 2024
- * Alex Wilkie and new keyholder Amanda Panzer for a Paint Party on May 18th, 2024 (small charge applies for painting supplies)
- * Mary James for a birdwatching walk on May 19th, 2024
- * Andy Frank for a Tree Identification walk/discussion on June 9th, 2024
- * Susanne Flower and Lewis Ports on July 13th- 14th, 2024 for their traditional Bastille Day weekend
- * Janet Sibarium and Ray Kozma for the Raymond Torrey Memorial Weekend on July 27th-28th, 2024
- * Lewis Ports for the revived Annual Labor Day Picnic on September 1st, 2024
- * Dave Hayes and Oliver Lunt for Oktoberfest on September 14th, 2024
- * Harriman State Park sponsored Live Animal presentation (date: TBA)

All keyholders who have ever hosted put a great amount of care and love into their weekend menus. This committee member can honestly say everyone savors every meal eaten at Camp. We all say a heartfelt *Thank You* in advance to all those volunteering to host this season.

Here are some more Save-the-dates to note:

- applicant's Orientations on May 4th and June 8th
- all-campers and applicants Workdays on June 22nd, August 24th, October 12th, and October 26th, in addition to the April 27th date mentioned above

But perhaps what we are most excited to share is the fact that *you* are invited to create almost any event of your own to lead and share with your fellow Nawakwans. Whether you enjoy a meditation, tai chi or yoga session at sunset on our dock and decide to lead one, or you have a craft skill to teach in a Saturday morning workshop by the fire in the lodge, the choice is yours.

We have also acquired a digital projector for showing media directly from a phone, iPad or computer onto a large screen. You can organize a movie night or show your slideshow of photos from your latest worldwide vacation. The possibilities are endless. Simply decide your activity, pick a date, and let the Activities Committee know via phone call/text (917-9881-9931) or email: ediegreen17@gmail.com. We will support and assist you. Given how vibrant and capable Nawakwa members are, I'll bet we are going to see some exciting events this season orchestrated by *you*.

- Edie Green, Activities Chair

Conservation Committee News

Kate Walker, Chair

Spring Bird Walk - Sunday, April 19th

We'll depart from the Nawakwa lodge at 8:00 a.m. and return not later than 12 noon. Bring your own pair of binoculars or borrow a pair from a friend. Wear layers and footwear appropriate to the weather conditions.

Spring migration will be at its peak. We will look to spot many of the colorful long-distance avian travelers that are present in our woods at this time. Only serious rain will cancel.

RSVP Mary James; maryelizjames@gmail.com, or text 914 649 2288. Non-qualifying.

Tree ID Hike

Sunday, June 9, 2024 – 9:45AM

On Sunday, June 9, join Andy Frank and the Conservation Committee for a tree ID hike, beginning and ending at Kakiat County Park (on the other side of Harriman). We are hoping the mountain laurel will be in bloom! Feel free to bring your own tree identification materials if you'd like.

This 2.5-mile hike will involve some sustained climbing to get from the river up to the Harriman plateau, for a total ascent of about 700 feet and the same descent. This will be a short but moderately difficult hike.

Start time will be 9:45 AM, ending around 2:30 or 3:00. Hiking boots and two quarts of water required. Public transportation available.



Please contact Kate Walker, conservation committee chair, to register (katecwalker@gmail.com) or Andy Frank (agfrank1@aol.com) with any questions. Please register by Friday, June 7. Non-qualifying.

Leave A Legacy

Camp Nawakwa is a special place that we would like to preserve and see flourish. Many past members, who were deeply a part of camp and chapter life over the years, have thoughtfully included us in their estate planning. Their generosity has allowed Camp Nawakwa and its members to exist and grow so that today we can enjoy what they enjoyed.

Although our club has a new name, the spirit of sharing and teamwork that makes camp and our members special has not changed but endures still. If you agree, please consider including the Nawakwa Outdoor Association and Camp Nawakwa in your own estate planning. Such support ensures the camp's continued operation and enjoyment by us and by future generations of Nawakwans.

Nawakwa Outdoor Association of New York, Inc. is the correct designation for any special bequests. Please note that our club is a 501(c)7 non-profit membership club. As such, we are not able to arrange for tax-deductible gifts.

For more information, please contact:

Suzanne Rocheleau, Treasurer at rocheleau3@gmail.com



In Memoriam

Phyllis T. Quinn
1941 – 2023

We learned early in the new year that Keyholder member Phyllis Quinn passed away last August. Phyllis became an Applicant in June of 1960 and was a Keyholder member by September 1960. Phyllis sponsored a number of applicants and hosted weekends. She herself was chair of the Hosting Committee in 1992.

Many people do not remember this, but for many years there was a privately owned 575-acre tract of land sitting right in the middle of Sterling Forest and owned by a developer who planned to build 107 mini-estates and an 18-hole golf course on it. There was a long battle, over many years, pitting local residents and preservationists against the proposed subdivision. I remember Phyllis as being very active at that time in advocating for the preservation of the whole of Sterling Forest. She attended meetings and spoke out passionately to anyone who would listen about the need to stop these development plans and preserve the entirety of Sterling Forest. Finally, after years of controversy, New York State in 2006 bought the land for \$13.5 million from the developer. – Ray Kozma

Below are excerpts from Phyllis's obituary:

It is with profound sadness that we announce the peaceful passing of our beloved Phyllis T Quinn, of Ocean Grove, who left this world on August 23rd. She joins her beloved late husband, Stanley, who preceded her in death, leaving behind an indelible legacy of love, compassion, and a deep passion for animals, and the outdoors.

Phyllis was not only a devoted wife, aunt, and grandmother, but she was a remarkable and tireless advocate for animals and the environment. Her heart held a special place for all creatures great and small, and she dedicated her life to the well-being of countless animals in need. Her home was a sanctuary for furry friends, and she showed boundless love and care for each one.

Phyllis's love for the outdoors was a defining feature of her life. She was a dedicated member of the Adirondack Mountain Club for over six decades. The mountains, forests, and lakes of the Adirondacks were her second home, and she reveled in the tranquility and beauty of the natural world.

Beyond her love for nature, Phyllis was an accomplished organist who shared her musical talents with friends and family. Her fingers danced on the keys, creating beautiful melodies that touched the hearts of those fortunate enough to hear her play. Her music was a reflection of her soul, full of grace and beauty.

Phyllis was also an avid photographer, capturing the world's wonders through her lens. Her photographs were a source of inspiration and awe, as she had an extraordinary ability to convey the essence and beauty of the natural world.

In Memoriam



John Lipsett
1933-2024

In reflecting on the passing of John Lipsett, we need to note the extraordinary dedication he had to Nawakwa, to the membership, to hiking, and to the trails we enjoy, as well as take note of the amazing list of accomplishments he was able to achieve. A search of our archives (researched by Ellen King), revealed that:

- John served on the Board of Directors in the following positions: Director – 1984; New York Chapter Chair – 1985 – 1986; Governor – 1988 – 1990 [a Governor was our representative to the ADK Board of Directors]; New York Chapter Vice Chair – 1996 – 1997. He also served on the Conservation Committee, 1983-84.
- John was a hiker of legend: For 34 years he maintained the R-D trail and worked closely with the NYNJ Trail Conference. He led hikes in the Staten Island Greenbelt, in Stirling Forest, the Blue Mountain Reservation, the Hudson Highlands, hikes to Greenwood Lake, and numerous hikes in Harriman and Bear Mountain parks.
- John became a Keyholder in 1980 and quickly became mentor to applicants. In addition to sponsoring at least eleven applicants, he joyfully welcome new hikers to the dozens of hikes he led for our club.
- In 2014, in recognition and appreciation of John's dedicated service and significant contributions he provided to the club, we presented the White Birch Award to him. The award stated: *This White Birch Award is presented to John Lipsett who, for over thirty years, has been a zealous and enthusiastic Hike Leader, introducing and inspiring many to know the joys of hiking and generously assisting numerous Applicants in qualifying for Keyholder status.*

Those who met him will always remember how kind, pleasant, and generous a fellow he was. John will be missed but his legacy will continue to live on and inspire us. (See next page for excerpts from his obituary.)

Memory of John Lipsett

It was perhaps 4 or 5 years ago, and I was on the last leg of a loop back to camp via Johnstown Circle and Claudius Smith Den on the TMI when a hiker approached coming the opposite way. We stopped briefly to say hello. He looked familiar to me, so I narrowed my eyes in mock suspicion, pointed at him and said, "You're somebody". He smiled and said, "I'm John Lipsett". My mouth dropped open in mock awe, "The famous Hiker!"

So we had a laugh about how "famous" he was. I asked if we would see him at camp any time soon, and he replied that he drops by now and then. So we continued on our separate ways, both enjoying the beautiful day.

- Steve Barre

OBITUARY OF JOHN LIPSETT, ESQ.

John G. Lipsett, Esq., 90, of New York City, passed away peacefully at home on March 11, 2024.

He was born September 17, 1933, in Philadelphia, PA to John and Beatrice (Souder) Lipsett. John is survived by his son, Edward Lipsett (Elizabeth) of Madison, CT along with one grandson, Nicholas Lipsett of Albany, NY. He is also survived by his sister, Ann Schiwall of PA and two nieces: Linda Schiwall and Susan Stroker.

John is preceded in death by his parents, wife, Rosalie (Harrill) Lipsett, son, John G. Lipsett Jr. and his granddaughter, Amanda Nicole Lipsett.

John grew up in Upper Darby, PA and after High school attended Swarthmore College (Phi Beta Kappa) -B.A. 55', University of Strasbourg, France 55-56 (Fulbright grant)" Certificat D'Etudes Francaises Modernes" 56', and Columbia University Law School LL.B. 59'.

He was admitted to the New York bar in 1959 and had been a practicing attorney up until his passing. In 1970, he joined with Forsythe, Holbrook, Seward & Bovone and then with Patton, Eakins, Lipsett, Martin and Savage Law firm from 1991 to present when the two firms merged together.

Throughout the years, he was involved in the Democratic Party in New York City, serving as Treasurer and President of the Riverside Democrats in the late 60's and recently was also on the Board of Directors of the Morningside Heights Historic District Committee working to preserve the historic beauty and architecture in his local community.

He was an outdoor enthusiast with a passion for hiking. He was a member of the Adirondack Mountain Club (ADK) which he had also served as chairman for a period, and the New York/New Jersey Trail Conference (NYNJTC). He had maintained a trail within Harriman State Park for 34 years in which he had led many hikes.

On his bucket list was to visit all 50 states, which he almost achieved. He was also both an avid NY Yankees and NY Rangers fan. John loved history and art, visiting many museums throughout the city and the country.

He was a generous and kind man, donating to many charities and organizations throughout his life. He will be deeply missed by his family and friends.

A Celebration of Life will be planned and held in New York City at a later date to honor the life and career of John Lipsett.

Welcome to Our New Applicants

"Since the Bylaws give the care, responsibility, and privilege of running and maintaining Camp Nawakwa exclusively to the keyholder members (who are also called Nawakwans), it is desirable and necessary that new keyholder members be recruited on a regular basis. We recruit potential Nawakwans by attracting and inviting like-minded, outdoor-oriented, adults (18 years and older) to become applicants for keyholder status. After completing the required activities, such new keyholders, will take their place in the long line of custodians of Camp Nawakwa and its traditions." [from Policy on Sponsor-Applicants]

New Applicants

Tim Burke
Tricia Jorgen
Jiyun Lausen
Leonard Lausen
Alex vonBraun
Belle Zhang