

## Glimmerglass Film Days to Mark Tenth Year

The 10<sup>th</sup> Glimmerglass Film Days will be held November 10-14 in Cooperstown. We are planning for a fully in-person festival, with Film Days parties, filmmaker talks, art exhibits, restaurant specials, guided hikes, books, and collaborative events. Guided by the theme “CONNECTION,” Artistic Director Peggy Parsons and programmer Joey Katz are selecting films from around the globe that explore humanity’s complex relationship with the natural world. A post-festival selection of the featured films will be available to stream November 18-20.

In 2011, Margaret “Peggy” Parsons pitched her dream of an

environmental film festival on the shores of Otsego Lake to Executive Director Ellen Pope, when Otsego 2000 was deeply engaged in the anti-fracking fight, an improbable time to take on a new project. Yet Peggy’s idea of a festival celebrating environmentally-focused independent film in a village with a strong environmental legacy (beginning with James Fenimore Cooper himself) was too good to pass up. In 2013, the first Glimmerglass Film Days presented ten films and events. The Otsego 2000 board, staff, Peggy, and a hardworking committee of volunteers together created what is now a much-anticipated multi-day

film festival celebrating its tenth year. We hope you will join us in November!



## Letter from Jim Dalton, Board President

Strolling around the Cooperstown Farmers’ Market on Saturday, I was struck by the bounty that our region’s land and farmers provide. The Farmers’ Market is a gathering place for people from all around the area, as well as for many visitors. But more importantly, it is the face of healthy, locally grown food that is important for all of us – for our health and the health of our planet.

Earlier this month, I read with delight the latest news of our dear friend, Tom Walsh, who just walked



208 miles to benefit the Bassett Cancer Institute and Otsego Outdoors. Tom is an inspiration to all of us, not only for his generosity, but for his unquenchable joy and love of life.

The Cooperstown Farmers’ Market and Otsego Outdoors are programs which make Otsego 2000 proud (Otsego Outdoors is a joint venture with the Otsego Land Trust and OCCA). But as uplifting as these stories of the past week are, they must be taken in context – local, regional, national and world context. Inflation, climate

change, a lingering pandemic, war in Ukraine, gun violence, social inequity - we mustn’t excuse ourselves from these concerns. Each of us belongs to the world community.

With a particular focus on land use and responsible local and regional development (agricultural and beyond) Otsego 2000 seeks to participate in solutions to these issues – to think globally and act locally. We appreciate your help.

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## Cooper Circle

Otsego 2000 created the Cooper Circle to recognize those who demonstrate selfless stewardship of our Otsego Lake Region's singular natural, historic, and agricultural resources by making generous gifts of \$1,000 or more in unrestricted support. By providing anchor funding, Cooper Circle members make it possible for Otsego 2000 to continue its vigilance and advocacy on behalf of our community as soon as challenges arise. None of Otsego 2000's accomplishments would be possible without the critical annual support of these individuals. Thank you.

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## Letter from the Executive Director



Otsego 2000 was founded nearly forty years ago to serve, in the words of founding President Henry Cooper, as 'a first line of defense and a last line of defense' when threats to our region's environment arise.

For the past eleven years, Nicole Dillingham has embodied those words in her role at the helm of Otsego 2000's Board of Directors. Most notably, Nicole's energy, leadership, and tenacity were a driving force behind protecting our region – and New York State – from the environmentally and economically harmful effects of natural gas extraction, galvanizing and leading a broad coalition of nonprofits, grassroots activists, attorneys, business leaders, and scientists across the State to fight for Home Rule as well as a statewide ban on fracking.

After more than a decade, Nicole stepped down from the role of board president in December 2021, and Jim Dalton, MD stepped up to the role as Otsego 2000 looks ahead to what challenges might arise in the next several years. The board and staff are deeply grateful to Nicole for her tireless efforts to protect our region for so long, and especially for

agreeing to remain on the board.

We take the charge of serving as 'first line of defense' for the region seriously, and while we work hard day to day on programs like the Cooperstown Farmers' Market, Glimmerglass Film Days, Otsego Outdoors, and Historic Preservation that support and build our community, we continue to scan the horizon for things that could negatively impact our working agricultural lands, waters and forests, historic neighborhoods, farmsteads, and Main Street economies.

What looms large? The impact of the rapidly changing climate, and a critical need for thoughtful, intelligent planning to eliminate dependence on fossil fuels through energy conservation and renewables while preserving prime farmland for food production.

New York State's new accelerated renewable energy project permitting process, the Office of Renewable Energy Siting (also '94c'), greatly reduces the ability of rural communities to meaningfully participate in the siting process of industrial-scale renewable energy projects.

We are thus monitoring potential utility scale projects and advocating for smart siting solutions that both expand clean energy and protect productive farmland and historic communities.

## OTSEGO COUNTY BY THE NUMBERS

**27,000** acres listed on the National Register of Historic Places

**3,889** contributing buildings on the National Register

**172** contributing structures on the National Register

**15** Historic Districts

**5<sup>th</sup>** highest usage rate of the NYS Homeowner Historic Preservation Tax Credit

The only counties with more households using the tax credit are Erie (Buffalo), Kings (Brooklyn), Monroe (Rochester) and Albany.

Preservation of place has been central to Otsego 2000's mission since our founding in 1981. The rolling hills, farmlands, forests, waterways, and many 18th and 19th century hamlets and villages together make up the singularly beautiful environment in which we live.

Preserving historic buildings brings far more than aesthetic value to our communities. Preservation is inherently 'green' – recent research shows that rehabbing and retrofitting historic buildings with energy efficient measures has a far smaller embodied carbon footprint than demolition and new construction.

Preservation also is smart economic development – retaining the historic character of a neighborhood or Main Street attracts residents, small businesses, and visitors and leads to higher and more

stable property values, potential tax credits, and greater investment.

At Otsego 2000, to educate the public about our local historic resources, provide technical assistance on tax credits, and work with municipalities interested in establishing or expanding historic districts.

We are pleased to feature three historic architecture tours this summer, which will explore three villages along the historic Route 20 National Scenic Byway. Led by the Cooperstown Graduate Program's Dr. Cindy Falk, the walking tours will explore Cherry Valley as a turnpike town (June 26), Sharon Springs as it adapted to welcome Jewish populations (July 31), and Richfield Springs' development as a spa destination (August 14). All tours will begin at 4:30 PM, and will end with complimentary refreshments and conversation. Registration is required and space is limited – to register, visit [www.otsego2000.org](http://www.otsego2000.org).

Otsego 2000 continues to provide free assistance to eligible property owners applying for the NYS Homeowner Historic Preservation Tax Credit, which provides a 20% income tax credit for qualifying home repair and renovation expenses. Properties must be contributing to a historic district, and most importantly, work must be pre-approved to qualify.

New this year, New York State now provides a 25% income tax



credit for barn rehabilitation and/or maintenance expenses incurred in the last five years. To qualify, barns must have been built prior to 1946 and must not be used or converted to residential use. A minimum of \$5,000 must be spent. It is important to note that the NYS Historic Barn Tax Credit is retroactive up to 5 years before the credit is claimed. Barn owners who missed the Barn Tax Credit workshop Otsego 2000 held on May 18 are welcome to contact Ellen Pope at Otsego 2000 for more information or assistance.

"Otsego 2000 is well-educated on the [NYS Homeowner Historic Preservation Tax Credit] application process. They walked us thru each question while filling in the application to the specifications needed to gain approval. It would have been too intimidating to attempt on our own. We replaced our roof due to a leak. We are now painting the house and fixing foundation issues. This has been a welcome program to aid in repairs as we are on a fixed income."

— Kitt C., Cooperstown, NY



## Otsego Outdoors Offers a New Challenge Each Season



Nearly 500 people--and a few pups--have completed 3,800 treks throughout Otsego County as part of the Otsego Outdoors Octet Challenges. Some hike solo, others with friends or family, and 75 fourth and fifth graders at Milford Central School completed the Winter Octet with their teachers. Participants tell us they enjoy the opportunity to find new places to hike, cycle, cross-country ski, mountain bike, snowshoe, and enjoy the outdoors. Otsego 2000 manages the collaborative program with the Otsego Land Trust and the Otsego County Conservation Association.

Along with the Octet Challenges, Otsego Outdoors offers information on publicly accessible trails and waterways, promotes outdoor organizations, businesses, and events, and encourages people to volunteer to help improve trails.

On June 6, Five Star Subaru awarded Otsego 2000 \$14,305 for the Otsego Outdoors Program.

“Otsego County has so many wonderful opportunities to get outside and enjoy nature and we are excited to partner with Otsego Outdoors to help bring more awareness to our local area and what it has to offer,” says Ben Guenther, owner of Five Star Subaru.

Tom Walsh, a cancer survivor and hiker from Worcester, NY, spent the first weeks of June on a continuous thru-hike to all 21 state forests and 4 state parks in Otsego County. He used this 200+ mile challenge to raise funds for Otsego Outdoors and the Bassett Cancer Institute.



To participate in the  
**Summer Octet  
Challenge**

**June 21 – Sept 21**

go to

**otsegooutdoors.org**



## Rooted in Community

The Cooperstown Farmers' Market continues its 31<sup>st</sup> year as a welcoming place of community and a centerpiece of the local food system. Each Saturday year-round and Tuesdays July-September, over 30 farmers, artisans, and small businesses gather to connect with customers looking for fresh healthy food and handcrafted items.

A weekly ritual for many, it is a place where neighbors can meet and catch up, shop local, and support area growers and producers. Nonprofits use the Market to promote their programs and events, musicians perform every Saturday May through December, and the Market hosts activities such as book swaps, theme days, and cooking demonstrations. It is a true civic and social hub for the community.

The Market remains committed to increasing local food access for all by participating in SNAP/EBT, the Farmers' Market Nutrition Program, and the Cooperstown Food Pantry Market Voucher program. Thanks to the Lions Club of Cooperstown, we are also able to offer a SNAP MATCH program. Customers using SNAP receive a match of up to \$15, a great way to extend their food budget.



At its essence, the Market is a sustainable alternative to the traditional grocery store. Each week, you'll find a wonderful variety of local products sold by the folks who grow or make them: fresh produce, pasture-raised meat, farmstead cheeses and charcuterie, yogurt, jam, pesto, granola, baked goods, eggs, plants, maple syrup, honey, coffee, fresh cut flowers, local wine and spirits, CBD products, breakfast sandwiches, seasonal soups and vegan takeaway meals.

You will also find a range of crafts and household goods: handmade beeswax candles, handwoven baskets, local ceramics, custom wood workings, herbal products, handmade soaps, fine art prints, handmade glassware and knits. By shopping at the Cooperstown Farmers' Market, you not only support dozens of local businesses, you also help them to preserve valuable farmland.



Where do carrots eat their dinner?  
At the vege-table.

### Carrot Salad With Cumin and Coriander

4 to 6 Servings / 20 Minutes  
(From [cooking.nytimes.com](http://cooking.nytimes.com))

#### INGREDIENTS

- 1lb medium carrots, peeled and cut into thin matchsticks or grated
- 3 tbsp extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 tbsp lemon juice (from 1 lemon)
- 1 small garlic clove, grated
- ½ tsp cumin seeds, toasted and ground
- ½ tsp coriander seeds, toasted and ground
- Pinch of ground cayenne
- Salt and pepper
- 2 tbsp finely diced preserved lemon (optional)
- Whole mint leaves, for serving

#### PREPARATION

- Step 1 - Put carrots in a medium bowl. Add olive oil, lemon juice, garlic, cumin, coriander and cayenne. Add salt and pepper to taste. Toss to coat. Taste, and adjust seasoning. Leave to marinate for 10 to 15 minutes. Transfer to a serving dish.
- Step 2 - To serve, sprinkle with preserved lemon, if you like, and garnish with mint leaves.

More seasonal recipes using Farmers' Market ingredients at [otsego2000.org/recipes](http://otsego2000.org/recipes)



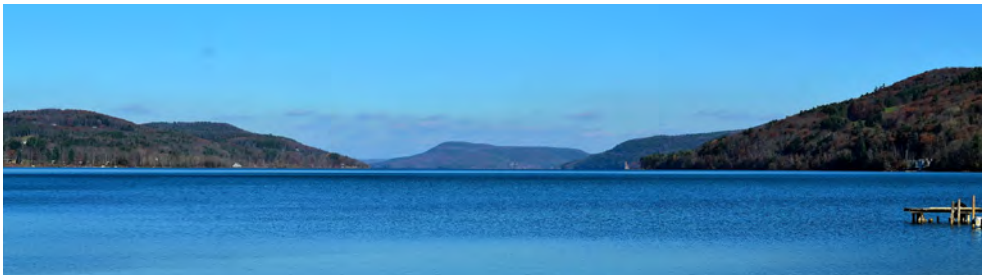
**Mission** - Otsego 2000 celebrates, protects, and enhances the environmental, agricultural, cultural, scenic, and historic significance of the greater Otsego Lake region. As a 'first responder' on environmental, sustainability, and community issues that affect the region's quality of life, Otsego 2000 endeavors to ensure healthy environmental and economic futures for present and coming generations through informed advocacy, public education, innovative projects, and ideas for economic advancement.

### Support Otsego 2000 Today

Increase the impact of your giving by making a monthly recurring donation online.

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Your generous support enables Otsego 2000 to fulfill its mission to protect our shared natural and historical assets while promoting sustainable ways to help the greater Otsego Lake region thrive.



## Stay Connected!

Otsego 2000 works on many fronts to fulfill its mission.

Connect with us on social media to find out the latest.



Otsego 2000 offers email newsletters targeted to the issues that matter most to you.

**Sign up at [Otsego2000.org](http://Otsego2000.org)** to receive any or all of the following:

- Cooperstown Farmers' Market
- Glimmerglass Film Days
- Otsego Outdoors
- Historic Preservation
- Environmental Stewardship
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