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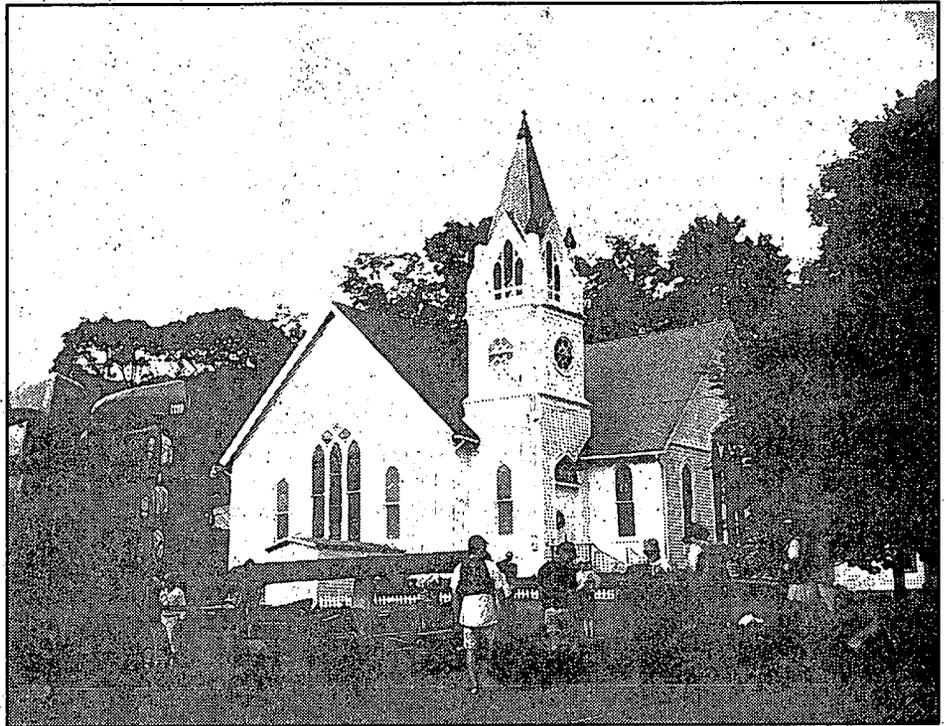
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With the Equinunk, Pa. Methodist Church as a backdrop, Sojourners loaded their canoes and kayaks onto a Lander's River Trips trailer to prepare for the June 17 launch at Hancock, NY, kicking off this year's eight-day trek down the Delaware River. (Photo by Laurie Ramie)

## 6th Delaware River Sojourn Enters All Four Basin States

It was a year of firsts for the 6th Annual Delaware River Sojourn as the event expanded to offer nearly 80 miles of paddling on diverse river segments in New

York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware from June 17-24.

A special treat came June 23 when the Sojourners took a break from piloting their small boats to board two Tall Ships sailing into the Port of Philadelphia to join the world-wide maritime "OpSail 2000" celebration. The next day featured a first-ever Sojourn foray into the Delaware Estuary.

Starting it off was a record opening day number of 76 Sojourners attracted by the beauty and charm of the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River.

Day 1 launched under sunny skies at the Hancock Firemen's Field following a kick-off breakfast prepared by members of the Hancock Presbyterian Church. Bag lunches were served at the PA Fish and Boat



"Admiral" Anna Bullis of Long Eddy, NY

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**Most land along the Upper Delaware River is privately owned. Please be considerate and don't litter or trespass. Thanks!**

# Representative Profile: Nadia Rajsz

As a newcomer to the Upper Delaware Council, Nadia Rajsz has quickly learned that her position as the Town of Lumberland's UDC Representative is as multi-faceted as her own busy personal life.

Rajsz came aboard the UDC in January of this year after her successful election to the Lumberland Town Board in Nov., 1999.

Half a year into her appointment, Rajsz has observed that numerous factors come into play during Upper Delaware Council deliberations.

A foremost consideration is assuring that the integrity of the River Management Plan for the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River is never compromised.

"We have to preserve what has been done and written, and abide by it," she says.

Another constant concern is maintaining the environmental, recreational, scenic, and historical values that led to the Upper Delaware River's designation as a national treasure worthy of protection.

"It's such a beautiful river and so few people know about it," says Rajsz, who believes that enhancing the river valley's potential while preserving private property rights is another Council role.

The UDC also offers a forum for direct access to relevant state and federal agencies that can greatly assist member towns and townships in building cooperative working relationships, according to Rajsz.

At the same time that board members fulfill their obligation to safeguard the interests of their towns and townships as issues arise, Rajsz feels they should also act as advocates in promoting the Council's mission, programs, and activities for the better understanding of their neighbors.

Keeping all those concepts in mind may be difficult for some people, but Rajsz is accustomed to juggling responsibilities.

A native of Jersey City, NJ, Rajsz grew up enjoying stays at her parent's summer home in Glen Spey, NY as often as her family could get away.

Rajsz attended Jersey City schools and earned a Bachelor's Degree in Medical Technology from Rutgers University.

For four years, she worked in the transplant lab at Newark's Beth Israel Hospital before returning to college to earn a Master's Degree in Biology with a Minor in Business at Seton Hall University.

Nadia's husband of 20 years, Michael, "fell in love with this area" as she had and the couple made the permanent move in 1983, building their own Glen Spey home.

Coinciding with her move to Sullivan County, Rajsz began employment at Arden Hill Hospital in Goshen, NY in various laboratory and supervisory positions, culmi-



Nadia Rajsz, Town of Lumberland

nating as chief medical technologist.

The high-energy Rajsz added on a part-time job in 1987 as an adjunct instructor at Orange County Community College (OCCC) in the Lab Technician Division.

In 1995, she began teaching full-time at OCCC and continues to work at Arden Hill Hospital on a per diem basis. Typical courses for Rajsz to instruct are microbiology, immunology, and hematology.

"It's primarily teaching in my own discipline. There are so many different tracks you can go into, not just hospital labs. What's satisfying is when our students come back and teach me new things," Rajsz says.

She's always eager to learn, as evidenced by the professional enrichment seminars and continuing education courses she squeezes into her tight schedule.

Besides her public service as a Town Councilwoman and UDC Representative, Rajsz is the town's liaison to the Sullivan County Youth Bureau and president of the Eldred High School Parent-Teacher-Student Organization.

Upholding the culture and traditions of her Ukrainian heritage is also a source of pride for Rajsz. She is active with the Ukrainian Glen Spey Community Group, the annual Ukrainian Youth Festival held each July, and is a congregant of St. Volodymyr Church in Glen Spey.

Family is equally important. Nadia, Michael (a New York State worker), and their daughters, Deanna, 13, and Natalie, 12, enjoy primitive camping, particularly in the Gettysburg area, recreational outings, and school activities. ♦

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## 'Trailblazers' Lead Way to Upper Delaware

Trailblazer signs, used to guide motorists from Interstate Highway exits to regional attractions, are now being posted in Hancock and Port Jervis, NY to lead the way to the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River.

The 12 x 18-inch signs have a white reflective background and feature the National Park Service logo with the words "Upper Delaware River" and directional arrows where needed. The New York State Department of Transportation is erecting the signs on existing posts. Before proceeding with the project, the National Park Service received the enthusiastic endorsements of the Hancock and Port Jervis local governments and chambers of commerce.

The trailblazers are the first step in a process aimed at getting the New York State Route 17 Hancock exit and the Interstate 84 Port Jervis exit posted with supplemental exit signs announcing the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River. ♦

## Bridge Replacement Plans Announced

The New York-Pennsylvania Joint Interstate Bridge Commission has targeted replacement of the Pond Eddy Bridge and the Barryville-Shohola Bridge in 2002.

The 504-foot-long, single-lane bridge across the Delaware River provides the only access to 26 properties on the Pond Eddy, Pa. side but its eight-ton posted weight limit is too low for emergency vehicles and service trucks to cross.

In two public hearings, the majority of officials and residents favored the alternative of constructing a new bridge upstream of the existing structure rather than maintaining the bridge as is, attempting to repair it, or buying out the PA properties to enable eliminating the crossing.

At its annual meeting on May 31, the Bridge Commission budgeted \$6 million as the estimated cost while awaiting official completion of the feasibility study. With a bid-letting set for early 2001 and an 18-month construction period, the new Pond Eddy Bridge could be completed in 2002.

The current bridge, which was built in 1904 and achieved a listing on the National Register of Historic Places in 1988, will be

torn down unless an entity steps forward to take responsibility for its maintenance.

The Department of Transportation (DOT) engineers noted that the archeology study on the PA side of the Barryville-Shohola Bridge initiated in 1996 is complete with a final price tag of \$980,000.

After the required environmental clearance is given, the DOT will close out the feasibility study and move toward the design-and-build phase. The estimated cost for the replacement of the 1941 Barryville-Shohola Bridge is \$7.7 million.

The Commission has earmarked two other Upper Delaware bridges for replacement.

The Callicoon, NY-Damascus, PA Bridge is on the docket for 2007 at an estimated cost of \$6.5 million, while the Hancock, NY-Buckingham, PA Bridge is proposed for replacement in 2010 at a cost of \$3.3 million.

Staff from the Upper Delaware Council attended the Bridge Commission meeting held this year at the NYS DOT office in Binghamton to provide input and offer comments. ♦

## PWCs Banned on Upper Delaware River

The use of Personal Watercrafts (commonly known by such brand names as "Jet Skis" and "Wave Runners") has been prohibited on the Upper Delaware River.

The National Park Service ruling, which became effective on April 20, 2000, covers the entire area from the confluence of the East and West Branches of the Delaware River at Hancock, NY to the railroad bridge below Cherry Island at Sparrowbush, NY.

PWC use on the Upper Delaware River had been restricted since 1992 to four pool areas near Long Eddy, Narrowsburg, Lackawaxen, and Pond Eddy.

"The Upper Delaware River, with its heavy recreational use, many rapids, shallow waters, and narrow passages, is not well suited to PWC use," noted Cal Hite, superintendent of Upper Delaware Scenic

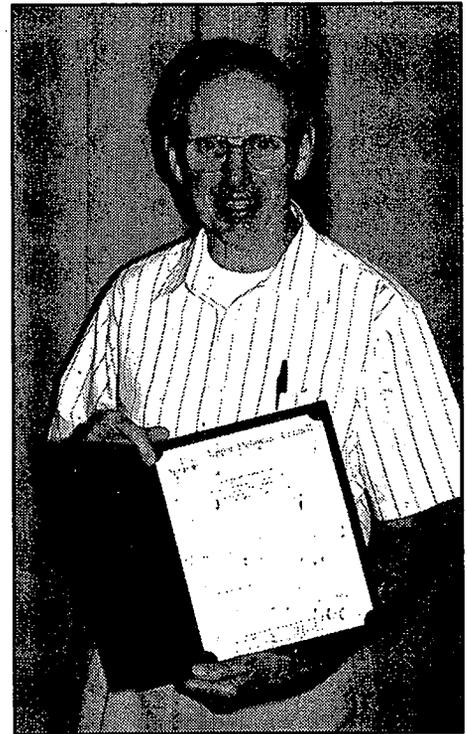
and Recreational River.

Most of the vessels on the Upper Delaware are non-powered canoes, rafts, kayaks, rowboats, and tubes. Summer use levels range from several hundred boats on weekdays to many thousands of vessels on weekends.

The NPS ruling does allow for PWC use in certain other components of the National Park System. ♦

## Dial New Area Code

The new 845 telephone area code for all New York State areas previously served by 914 except Westchester County went into "passive dialing" effect on June 5. The switch will be mandatory as of Dec. 3 with no further recorded reminder messages. ♦



Bruce MacMillan, who assisted in drafting the River Management Plan for the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River and served as the State of New York's representative on the Upper Delaware Council since its inception in 1988, retired in July of 2000 from a 33-year career with the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation. MacMillan had been the Natural Resource Supervisor for DEC Region 3 since 1983. The Upper Delaware Council presented MacMillan with a Resolution of Commendation and a cake at the June 1 Council meeting. (Photo by David B. Scott)

## On the Calendar

July 22 - 221st Commemoration of the Battle of Minisink. 1:30 p.m. ceremony at the Grave of the Unknown Soldier in Lackawaxen, Pa. 2:15 p.m. talk by NPS Historian Mary Curtis at the Minisink Battlefield Park, Minisink Ford, NY. 3 p.m. observance at the park. 4-8 p.m. Upper Delaware Heritage Alliance's Summer Potluck Picnic with a program on the Zane Grey Cultural Landscape Treatment Plan on the grounds of the Zane Grey Museum, Lackawaxen, Pa. Public welcome, free of charge.

July 23 - Riverfest 2000. 10th annual music, art and environmental festival celebrating the Delaware River. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Main Street in Narrowsburg, NY.

July 25-28 - Katarahny Canoes. 11th Annual On and Under the Delaware River Cleanup. Call (800) FLOAT-KC to volunteer for a river segment.

August 5 - Upper Delaware Council's 12th Annual Raft Trip and Summer Picnic. See registration form on Page 8. ♦

# UDC Presents 12th Annual

Ten categories of awards were handed out April 30, 2000 to individuals, organizations, agencies, and communities whose actions have preserved and improved the quality of life in the Upper Delaware.

Over 100 guests attended the Upper Delaware Council's 12th Annual Awards Banquet held at Silvio's Restaurant at the Jeffersonville Inn in Sullivan County, NY.

The keynote speaker was New York State Senator John J. Bonacic, whose 40th District includes 69 municipalities in five counties bordered by the Delaware River on the west and the Hudson River on the east.

Senator Bonacic touched on his priority to restore economic vitality to his district, the state's contribution of land for the proposed National Park Service Mongaup Visitor Center, the designation of Route 97 as a New York State Scenic Byway, the state's protection of local eagle habitat through the Mongaup Valley Wildlife Management Area, and concerns over appropriate river flows to protect the fish stock and utilization of the river.

He encouraged the UDC and its partners to "tell me anything you're unhappy about" and praised the communal efforts to keep the river "as pristine as it was 30 years ago."

Following a buffet dinner, the highlight of the afternoon event came with the awards ceremony.

*"This river is a treasure thanks to you and we will do everything in our power to preserve it and enhance it for generations to come."*  
NYS Senator John J. Bonacic

The Council's highest honor, the *Distinguished Service Award*, was conferred upon **John T. Hutzky**, the first superintendent of the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River.

In 1978, Congress designated 73.4 miles of the Upper Delaware River as part of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System. The task of managing this national resource fell to the National Park Service.

Hutzky was appointed superintendent in 1979 amid great conflict over the status of this area, suspicion over the federal presence, and turbulence in hammering out a management plan which would satisfy the interests of private property owners.

Faced with this daunting challenge and often open hostility such as finding his likeness burned in effigy, Hutzky relied upon honesty, integrity, and open communication to bring the factions together to draft an acceptable River Management Plan.

His leadership extended to overseeing the implementation of the Plan's goals and guidelines while emphasizing the conser-



Senator John J. Bonacic, keynote speaker



UDC 2000 Chairperson Harold G. Roeder, Jr., right, congratulates John T. Hutzky, the first superintendent of the National Park Service Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River (1979-1995) for receiving the Council's highest honor, the Distinguished Service Award.

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vation, protection, and interpretation of the Upper Delaware's natural, historic, and cultural resources.

On October 1, 1995, after a nearly 33-year career with NPS, Hutzky retired. He and wife Priscilla reside in Moscow, Pa.

As he accepted his plaque, Hutzky joked, "I thought that when I retired, my 15 minutes of fame went with me."

Hutzky announced that he is finalizing a book in which he will share his memories and anecdotes of "those 10 tumultuous years" from arriving on the scene in 1978-79 to the formation of the Upper Delaware Council in 1988.

"It's been an honor for me to be associated with all of you," he concluded.

The *Robin M. Daniels Memorial Lifesaving Award* honored **Laurene McKenna** for her courageous and selfless actions taken on August 28, 1999 to rescue a swimmer in peril of drowning at the Zane Grey Public River Access in Lackawaxen, Pa.

The 65-year-old victim of that incident, in a letter read aloud during the presenta-

# Awards

tion, noted that he became separated from his rubber innertube after attempting to untangle his foot and got swept up in the fast-moving current that pulled him under water several times. He also mentioned that it was his first time swimming since being diagnosed with Parkinson's disease.

McKenna, a teacher from Jeffersonville, NY who was working as a seasonal ranger for NPS, saw the trouble he was in, paddled out in a canoe, assured that he could breathe again, and brought him to shore for medical treatment.

While accepting, McKenna credited her fellow rangers and the training she'd received through NPS over several summers for her role in the successful rescue.

This year's *Partnership Award* went to the *Flowing Toward the Future* committee for planning and implementing a review of existing regional water management plans, a series of 21st Century Visioning Workshops for the Delaware River Watershed, a four-state Governors' Summit on September 29, 1999, and the first-ever Watershed-wide Conference attended by 500 guests in Philadelphia on November 15-17, 1999.

Russ Johnson, director of the Delaware River Watershed Initiative and co-chair of Flowing Toward the Future, said the whole process was groundbreaking.

"So often the river is seen as a dividing line, but natural resources do not respect political boundaries. It was an amazing thing to see people come together to try to set one vision," Johnson said.



Laurene McKenna, Lifesaving Award



Accepting UDC honors at the 12th Annual Awards Banquet on April 30 were, seated from the left, Cal Hite, Dorothy Blalek, Paula Valentine, Laurene McKenna, Russ Johnson, Nathaniel "Skip" Feagles, and John Hutzky. Standing, left to right, were Ben Johnson, Dick Crandall, Jim Greier, Dick Albert, Joseph Manaseri, Norman Danielsen, Paul Kargo, and Phil Chase. (Photos on Pages 4 and 5 by David B. Soete)

The *Community Service Award* was shared by **New York State Trooper Ben Johnson, and the Towns of Cochecton and Tusten Highway Departments** for apprehending two suspects later convicted in a large-scale illegal tire dumping scam.

Trooper Johnson lauded the highway workers for making his job easier through their watchful vigilance and chase.

"Because their people were willing to come forward, they saved not only the taxpayers' money and the landowners' money, they also helped clean up an area that didn't need this for tourism," he said.

Partnership was a theme repeated by many of the award recipients.

"We all work together in this river valley. This is just one of the manifestations of this cooperative effort that we all use," said **Town of Tusten Supervisor Richard Crandall** as he accepted the *Recreation Achievement Award* along with the **Greater New York Council of the Boy Scouts of America** and the **National Park Service** for the opening of the Tusten Mountain Hiking Trail to public use.

The **Town of Fremont** won the *Outstanding Community Achievement Award* for the local government's leadership and ongoing efforts by the community to develop a solution for water system problems in the hamlet of Long Eddy.

The **Equinunk Historic District** received the *Cultural Achievement Award*

for the community's support of the district's designation to the National Register of Historic Places on November 21, 1999. With 56 contributing features, Equinunk is the river valley's largest historic district.

A trained citizen group which has dedicated time and energies over the past 12 years to promoting safety and preventing mishaps on the Upper Delaware River was recognized with the *Volunteer Award*. **Norm Danielsen** accepted as leader of the **Volunteers-in-Parks (VIP) river patrol**.

*Special Recognition Awards* were presented to the following:

**Congressman Benjamin A. Gilman and Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan**, sponsors of successful authorizing legislation in 1999 for the proposed NPS Mongaup Visitor Center;

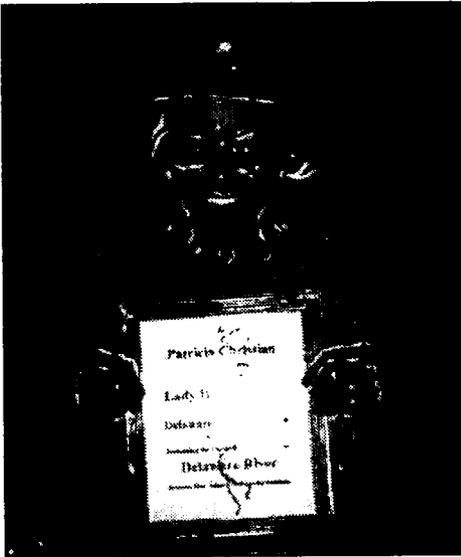
**Richard C. Albert**, recent retiree from the Delaware River Basin Commission, for career accomplishments;

**Peter E. Nye**, leader of the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation's Endangered Species Unit, for his bald eagle restoration work;

**Paul Kargo**, bureau chief for PA Eyewatch News TV-13, for quality coverage of Delaware River subjects; and

**Paula Valentine**, NPS Upper Delaware Interpretive Specialist, for her outstanding Internet web page development work.

1999 UDC Chair **Phil Chase**, Town of Deerpark, took home the *Oaken Gavel*.



"Admiral" Patricia Christian, Equinunk, Pa.

Commission's Buckingham Access. At the end of the eight-mile trip, the boats landed in Equinunk with permission of private property owners. The Equinunk Methodist Church, which had allowed Sojourners to camp out on their field for two nights, offered a family-style roast beef dinner followed by a twilight walking tour of the Equinunk Historic District.

Program presenters that day were Barbara Yeaman (Delaware Highlands Conservancy), Richard Albert (Delaware Riverkeeper Network), Mary Curtis (National Park Service), and Wellington Lester (Equinunk Historical Society).

Sixty-three Sojourners launched from Equinunk under persistently rainy skies on Day 2 with the Red Barn Campground Access in Hankins as their 12-mile destination. Donald and Edith Downs volunteered their Long Eddy residence as a lunch stop. Programs were presented by Don Hamilton (NPS), and members of the Basket Historical Society.

The Upper section conveyed "Lord/Lady High Admiral" Sojourn honors upon Richard Albert of W. Trenton, NJ, the Equinunk Historical Society's Patricia Christian, and 96-year-old Anna Bullis from Basket Historical Society.

High spirits and high water were characteristic of the 2000 Sojourn. Delaware River Basin Commission Executive Director Carol Collier noted that compared to the 3,000 cubic feet per second (cfs) reading in June of 1999, Sojourners faced a fast-moving 24,000 cfs and water temperatures in the low 60 degrees.

Corporate donations for the Sojourn were received from PPL Corp., Rohm and Haas, PSE&G, PECO Energy, and the DRBC. Planning for the 2001 Delaware River Sojourn is already underway. ♦

## UDC Revises Visitor Map & Guide

The Upper Delaware Council (UDC) announces the availability of an updated "Visitor Information Map and Guide for Touring the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River: New York & Pennsylvania."

The 2000 reprint of the popular brochure features: a comprehensive 17 x 22-inch map of the river corridor; a listing of all public accesses and lands in the 73.4-mile span between Hancock, NY and Mill Rift, Pa.; a directory of river-related businesses under the most commonly requested categories of Accommodations, Restaurants, Liveries and Campgrounds, and Bait and Tackle Shops; and 12 text panels that offer information on the Upper Delaware's characteristics, river safety, sightseeing, boating, camping, fishing, hunting, contacts for emergencies or further information, and traveling directions.

In the guide, an asterisk next to the name of a business indicates receipt of a voluntary donation to help offset the printing costs. The UDC provides these listings as a public service and charges no fees for inclusion. The only requirements for businesses is that they fit into one of the four categories and are physically located within the Congressionally-designated boundaries of the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River. The UDC appreciates the support of the following businesses:

The 1906 Restaurant, Callicoon, NY (\$200); Kittatinny Canoes & Campgrounds, Barryville, NY (\$100); The Sandercock House B&B, Equinunk, PA (\$50); Joe McFadden's Fly & Tackle Shop, Hankins, NY (\$50); Milanville House B&B, Milanville, PA (\$50); and Victoria's Rose B&B, Pond Eddy, NY (\$50).

Offering \$25 contributions were: the Cochection General Store, Cochection, NY; Peck's Markets in Callicoon and Narrowsburg, NY; Sylvania Guest Cottages, Lackawaxen, PA; Vinton's Country House Restaurant, Shohola, PA; Reilly's Ice Cream Parlor and Art Gallery, Cochection, NY; Smith's Colonial Motel, Hancock, NY; Roebing Inn on the Delaware, Lackawaxen, PA; Mill Rift Inn, Mill Rift, PA; Castillo del Rio B&B, Milanville, PA; and Silver Canoe Rentals, Pond Eddy, NY. Bonny Bank Bungalow of Mill Rift, PA donated \$15.

To receive a copy of the brochure or a supply to distribute, please contact Laurie Ramie at the UDC, P.O. Box 192, 211 Bridge St., Narrowsburg, NY 12764-0192, phone (845) 252-3022, fax (845) 252-3359, or e-mail [udcramie@ezaccess.net](mailto:udcramie@ezaccess.net). ♦



Roy Given, left, Chief of Interpretation at the National Park Service Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River for eight years, recently departed for a new job as Deputy Director of Visitor Services at Hoover Dam. Co-workers and friends held a farewell party on June 2, 2000 to present Roy with gifts including an autographed paddle (held above by NPS Superintendent Cal Hite), share their memories, compete in a brownie bake-off contest happily judged by Roy, and wish the Given family well with their move out west. (Photo by David B. Soete)

# Scenic Byway Committee Sets Direction

The proposed designation of Route 97 as a New York State Scenic Byway is driving forward, fueled by the energetic thrust of the local committee and consultants.

In April, Heritage Resources Group (HRG) of Arlington, VA came on board to guide the application process. The consulting firm is partnering with Shepstone Management Co. of Honesdale, PA and the Scenic Byway Committee to draft a Route 97 Corridor Enhancement Plan targeted for submission to the State Scenic Byways Advisory Board in April 2001.

Carol Truppi, director of HRG, pledged at the committee's May 4 meeting that the project will be responsive and interactive.

"It's your plan and we're here to help facilitate its development. The plan for Route 97 needs to work for you first and visitors secondly," Truppi said.

Scenic byways are tailored to community desires for their themes and objectives.

"Everyone has different reasons for seeking byway status," Truppi noted.

Designation can create grant opportunities to improve infrastructure and give special recognition to an area's intrinsic values. Increased tourism and economic development are often goals. Some applicants focus on protecting their existing resources and community character.

To keep the project on track, the consultants have laid out an ambitious work plan.

Tasks to be accomplished include conducting a resource inventory; mapping corridor boundaries; and formulating management strategies for such issues as stewardship, tourism, transportation, interpretation, promotion, management, and public participation to include in the overall plan.

A June 26 committee meeting keyed in on articulating the visions and goals for Route 97 as a Scenic Byway.

Future meetings will be held on July 24, August 28, Sept. 25, Oct. 30, and Nov. 27, 2000, and Jan. 18, Jan. 29, Feb. 26, and March 26, 2001. The public is encouraged to attend the evening meetings. To verify

meeting dates, times, and places, please call Vicki Goddard at Sullivan County Planning, (845) 794-3000, ext. 5028.

The Scenic Byways Committee includes representatives from the towns through which Route 97 passes: Cochection, Delaware, Fremont, Highland, Lumberland, and Tusten (Sullivan County), the Town/Village of Hancock (Delaware County) and Town of Deerpark/City of Port Jervis (Orange County). The River Valley Visioning Committee, New York State Department of Transportation, Upper Delaware Council, and National Park Service also participate. ♦

## Technical Assistance Grant Applications Due

The Upper Delaware Council is accepting applications from member towns, townships, and county governments for its 13th consecutive round of Technical Assistance Grants.

Deadline for submissions is 4:30 p.m. on Monday, July 31, 2000. The UDC's Project Review Committee will review all applications at a special meeting on August 8. Final decisions are expected to be made at the Council's September 7 regular monthly meeting.

Since the Technical Assistance Grant (TAG) program began in 1988, the UDC has awarded \$430,841 to fund 105 eligible projects.

Planning and study funds are available for projects related to the implementation of the River Management Plan for the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River.

Application forms and guidelines were mailed to member municipalities in early June.

For more information, contact David B. Soete, UDC Senior Resource Specialist, at (845) 252-3022 or by e-mail at [udcsoete@ezaccess.net](mailto:udcsoete@ezaccess.net). ♦

## Our Readers Respond ...

April 19, 2000

Dear Council Members,

We're very pleased to read in your Spring 2000 newsletter that a study will be conducted to determine whether Route 97 should be designated a Scenic Byway.

May we suggest a factor that we hope you will consider in the pending study. Route 97 is presently designated a Shared Highway for bicyclists. However, we believe that as such it is dangerous and deceptive in that the shoulders (at the right of the white lines) are in some portions paved for their full widths and in other portions paved only half their widths. The unpaved halves of the shoulders are treacherous to bicyclists, especially if encountered suddenly on curves or at downhill speeds. The need for the bicyclist to ride on the narrow paved half of the shoulder exposes him or her to vehicles passing closely at considerable speed, or causes some motorists to drive into the oncoming-traffic lane to give the bicyclist a safe wide-enough berth.

Please consider this factor as you and your chosen consultant conduct your study. Perhaps funds can be allocated for a safe, full-width paving of Route 97 as provided on Route 17B.

With appreciation for your time and consideration,

Sincerely,  
Selma and Lester Snyder  
Callicoon, NY

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# 12th Annual Raft Trip & Summer Picnic

## Saturday, August 5, 2000

Sponsored by the Upper Delaware Council

Choose your fun:

- A. Raft from Skinner's Falls to Ten Mile River (10 miles, ~6 hours)
- B. Raft from Narrowsburg to Ten Mile River (5 miles, ~3 hours)
- C. UDC Chicken Barbecue in Narrowsburg, NY



Raft Trip Cost (A or B): Adults \$14, Children 12 and under \$7  
Catered Barbecue Cost: Adults \$8, Children 12 and under \$6

**Reserve by July 24!**

*Raft Trip Information:* Meet and park at Lander's River Trips Narrowsburg Campground (entrance road on Bridge Street next to the Tusten Town Hall). Trip A registration is at 9:00 a.m.; Trip B registration is at 11:00 a.m. Rafts, paddles, life jackets, and safety instructions will be provided. Children must weight at least 50 lbs., be able to swim, and wear a life jacket to participate. Minimum occupancy per raft is four people. Dress to get wet, wear sunscreen and foot protection, and bring drinking water. Both groups are expected to reach the Ten Mile River take-out at approximately 4:00 p.m., depending on river conditions and your leisurely pace. Regularly running shuttle buses will return rafters to the Narrowsburg campground.

*Barbecue Information:* Join the UDC from 4-6 p.m. at the Lander's Narrowsburg Campground Pavilion for a summer picnic. The menu includes a barbecued chicken half, corn on the cob, macaroni or potato salad, chips, iced tea, lemonade, watermelon, and cake. This event is open to rafters and non-rafters alike.

Advance reservations are required. Please complete this form and return it with payment by July 24 to the Upper Delaware Council, P.O. Box 192, 211 Bridge St., Narrowsburg, NY, 12764. Checks should be made payable to "Upper Delaware Council." Direct any questions to Public Relations Specialist Laurie Ramie at (845) 252-3022 or [udcramie@ezaccess.net](mailto:udcramie@ezaccess.net).

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Names of All Guests (indicate ages of children and, if rafting, Trip A or B):

Raft: \$14 x \_\_\_ adults = \_\_\_ + \$7 x \_\_\_ children = Total \$ \_\_\_ / BBQ: \$8 x \_\_\_ adults = \_\_\_ + \$6 x \_\_\_ children = Total \$ \_\_\_

The Upper Delaware Council, Inc. meets on the first Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Tusten Town Hall, Narrowsburg, NY. Three standing committees, Water Use/Resource Management, Operations, and Project Review, meet on the third and fourth Tuesdays of every month at the UDC office, 211 Bridge Street, Narrowsburg, across from the Town Hall. All meetings are open to the public. Call (845) 252-3022 for specific meeting dates and agendas.

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