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1910 – 2001
Founder of Mohonk Consultations

LET'S TALK IT OVER AT MOHONK

A Short History of Mohonk Consultations
1980 - 2007

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MOHONK CONSULTATIONS MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of Mohonk Consultations is to bring about a clearer understanding of the interrelationships of all life on earth, to emphasize the need for sustainable use of all the earth's resources, and to support the development of practical means to do so.

*History is a tool that can be useful for
planning the future without being binding.*

INTRODUCTION

As we stand on the threshold of the next 25 years of Mohonk Consultations, the Board of Managers has agreed that we should begin with our past to build an improved future.

The history of Mohonk Consultations began in the heart of A. Keith Smiley. From the very beginning in the 1980s, A. Keith Smiley, the founder, had a clear vision for Mohonk Consultations. When he was preparing to step down from the position of Clerk/Chair in 1993, there was a recognition dinner for Keith. At that dinner he again demonstrated his skills as a Quaker leader and visionary.

He listed some motivations for the group:

- Carrying forward a Mohonk conference tradition.
- Helping to maintain the quality of life in the Hudson Valley.
- Having a modus operandi – a procedure that differs in method but not objective from other environmental groups.

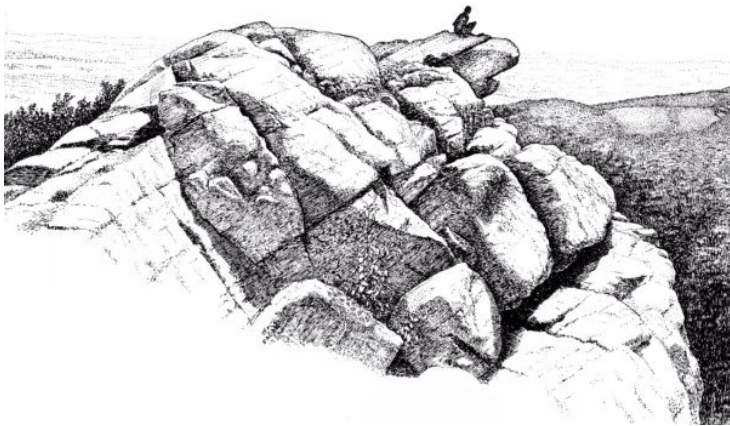
He reminded us to adhere to Robert Greenleaf's philosophy of servant leadership, wherein the people who are to carry out the projects must be a part of the decision-making process.

And last and most clairvoyant, he said, "There are urgent needs for reconciliation near at hand. One of them has to do with WATER! Fresh uncontaminated

water. All of us have a basic need for water. It is not merely an environmental problem. It is economic; it is political; it is social. And it is right here.”

EARLY HISTORY

Every organization has a prehistory. It is the time when the seeds are germinating and getting ready to sprout. For Mohonk Consultations this happened in 1869, when Alfred Smiley fell in love with the ridge and its potential.



Bonticou Crag at Mohonk

He lured his brother, Albert, into the project to operate an establishment holding to Quaker values, that would provide respite in a calm environment surrounded by nature. They coupled this with the strong Quaker concern of looking at social problems and inviting people of different persuasions to “talk them over at Mohonk.” Discussions at Mohonk about

arbitration as a means of settling international disputes have been credited with giving impetus to the movement for an international court in The Hague. Mohonk also played a significant role in the formation of US Native American policies from 1883 to 1916, through discussions on the Mountain among prominent people involved in Indian affairs and Indian Chiefs.



Excursions along the Carriage Trails

Daniel Smiley, half brother of the twins, who joined the project later, said, "It is fair to say that Mohonk is

far more than a money-making business, it is an institution . . . with high aim and benevolent leanings.”

In 1963, members of the Smiley family founded a trust to provide stewardship of the major part of the ridge that they owned. Under the guidance of the Mohonk Trust (legally changed to the Mohonk Preserve in 1981), the Smileys continued their interest in the social issues that are part of the Quaker heritage.

In the 60s the newly formed Trust had established an International Affairs Committee. For 10 years, 1963-73, the Committee sponsored Consultations of Foreign Students and Foreign Student Advisors from academic institutions across the country. Recommendations conceived at these consultations were followed up by the National Association for Foreign Student Affairs (NAFSA). The International Affairs Committee also collaborated with other groups, such as the International Peace Academy that coordinated meetings at Mohonk with UN delegates and staff to discuss and support peace initiatives of the United Nations.

By the early 1970s the budgets for Foreign Student Advisors and scholarships for foreign students began to shrink at universities in the United States. The Mohonk Trust/Preserve Committee began looking for an alternative activity that might be useful.

Keith was impressed by the work of private voluntary development assistance groups that had met at Mohonk. He and Helen Vukasin went to Washington to consult with the people in the US Agency for International Development (AID). It was a fortuitous visit, as AID was in the midst of a lawsuit brought by

the international environmental agencies claiming that AID was not taking environmental problems into account in the projects they supported overseas.

To fulfill their out-of-court settlement, AID decided to utilize the neutral organization and venue of the Mohonk Trust / Preserve and the International Affairs Committee to bring together the international development assistance groups and the international environmental groups. This very successful three-day conference at Mohonk Mountain House in 1977 was organized by the Committee on the precept that the participants must be the planners. It led to some important recommendations for constructive activities. Unfortunately, these activities went beyond the mandate of the Trust and its stewardship of the land. However, Keith and Helen Vukasin felt they were important enough to seek another sponsor and one with which they could continue the Mohonk relationship.

In 1978, CODEL (Coordination in Development), in consultation with Helen, drafted a proposal to the US Agency for Development (AID) for a series of consciousness-raising workshops and the first of a series of books on Environmentally Sound Small Scale Development projects. Keith agreed to serve on the CODEL advisory group for the project to maintain the Mohonk connection.

In the meantime, Keith Smiley, ever mindful of the need to be interconnected with the rest of the world, envisioned Mohonk Consultations as a not-for-profit corporation separate from the Mohonk Trust, that would address concerns beyond the immediate borders of the land stewardship of the Trust. Keith

set up an Advisory Committee to develop bylaws and principles and an application for tax-exempt status. A Board of Managers was appointed in September 1980. Thus was born Mohonk Consultations.



Early supporters of MC

Dr. Noel Brown, NY Director, UNEP; Keith Smiley, Founder & Chair MC; Helen L. Vukasin, Chair-elect MC Board; Bert Smiley, President & CEO, Mohonk Mountain House; Rev. Stephen Bauman, Park Ave. Christ Church, NYC.

THE 1980s

The new organization spent some time exploring directions in the early 1980s. Nevertheless, as early as 1981 they plunged into a consultation of business, local government leaders and educators on the Revitalization of the Hudson River Basin. In 1982, *The Hudson River Basin Program, Summary Report 1980-1982* was the first publication of the new organization.

A conference called "Celebration of the Hudson Valley Environment" was organized in 1983. Also, that year, MC sought and received IRS status of a 501(c)3 organization with tax-exempt privileges and tax-deductible contributions.

The next year, 1984, was a very active year. In April MC organized a conference with labor relations practitioners from corporations and labor organizations. The purpose was to encourage better communications among these groups.

MC organized a meeting, "Multinational Corporate Executives: A More Effective Role for the Private Sector in International Development" in November 1984. The purpose was make connections with corporations in the region.

In collaboration with SUNY New Paltz professor, Charles Stokes, member of the Board, MC established a database of information. An Environmental Telephone Hotline was initiated in 1984 to disseminate the information. The Hotline continued in operation until it was transferred to the NY State Department of Environment (DEC) in 1989.

During this same year, the group established the Environmental Awards program to celebrate the work of individuals and/or organizations from four counties (Dutchess, Orange, Putnam and Ulster) that contribute to conserving the resources of the Hudson River Valley. This program, with some modifications, remains an important part of Mohonk Consultations activities today.

In this early period there was some tension between an emphasis on local issues and the connection with related international issues. Keith Smiley had firmly held ideas about this relationship and was encouraged by the several Board members living at great distances from the Hudson Valley. These high-powered Board members had much to contribute, especially in discussions about international affairs. This ultimately led to conclusions during the April 1987 Retreat to emphasize the relationship of local issues to global.

However, this emphasis on international connections and the initiatives to work with the corporate community were eventually set aside in favor of more focus on issues confronting the Hudson Valley. The Board decided MC could be more effective, as a small organization, by working cooperatively with other local environmental organizations on regional issues. One important reason was that there were very large environmental issues surfacing in the Hudson Valley that MC could support, with other environmental groups, by bringing together people of diverse opinions. Another reason was the fact that the organization was supported by a Board of volunteers without staff. With half the Board living at great distances from Mohonk, an extra burden fell on the members living locally when organizing conferences or other events.

Consistent with this focus, MC cooperated with Ulster County Community College in 1987 to carry out a survey on Global Awareness of Ulster County residents, as a model for developing information for local government on relevant issues. The survey was

carried out by faculty and students of Ulster County Community College. Knowledge and also the lack of knowledge of local residents revealed by the survey was useful for planning MC activities.

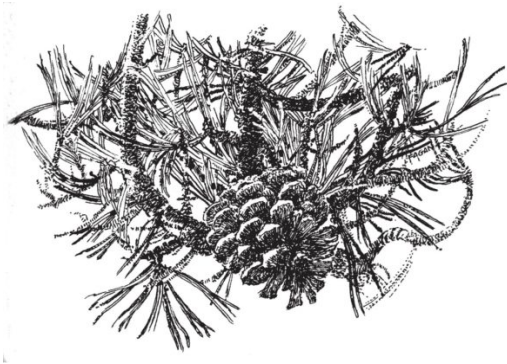
In 1984 and 1985, MC served as a funding channel for the First Earth Run that was held in New Paltz in 1986. MC supported the organization until the group established itself as a not-for-profit in 1986.

In 1987 MC began a collaboration with Susan Reed, a New Paltz resident, who spearheaded the Tree Project at the Highland, NY, Middle School along with several teachers. MC supported the project and in 1988 Helen Vukasin completed a publication, *The Tree Project, A Model for Developing Global Understanding at the Middle School Level*, to be shared with other school districts.

A suggestion from Congressman Matthew McHugh in 1987 to organize a meeting to provide information to local farmers led to the formation of the Working Group on Family Farms. This subcommittee, composed mainly of people from the community and local farmers, went on to organize two “Dialogues with Family Farmers” and to produce two publications: *The Preservation of Agriculture in the Hudson Valley and Economic Survival*, by Helen Vukasin, 1989; and *New Technologies in Family Farming*, 1989. The booklet on the preservation of agriculture, which reviews the viability of family farming as discussed in the two MC conferences, is still valid and useful.

As a follow-up to the farming conferences, MC began to think about the impact of bioengineering on local agriculture. In order to approach the subject from a

knowledgeable base, MC organized a two-day seminar of a select group of experts in the field, local farmers and board members. The purpose of the seminar was to develop a plan for a public meeting on biotechnology.



THE 1990s

In April 1990 a public meeting on biotechnology was planned. Unfortunately, the meeting was cancelled due to lack of understanding by the community about its purpose and usefulness. An alternative form of presentation was suggested and carried out in 1999 (see below).

During 1991, MC initiated the first issue of the MC newsletter "Let's Talk it over at Mohonk," to be published annually. The newsletter replaced Keith's random "Mohonk Reports" Numbers One through Five that he had sent to donors during the first ten years.

The Working Group on Family Farms remained very active. They prepared a brochure and a traveling exhibit in support of local agriculture, in cooperation with the Mid-Hudson League of Women Voters, which was displayed at the Ulster County Fair and other public events.

The Board at this time contracted an agreement with a consulting firm in Poughkeepsie called Crossroads, to provide administrative services and to draft proposals for funding from foundations. This agreement continued from 1991 until 1993. For a variety of reasons it did not get the desired result, which was to begin to provide, some paid staff support for MC and some funding for programs. During its tenure, Crossroads put together a conference "Greenways: Partnerships for the Future," in March 1993.

In the fall of 1993, a dinner was held to celebrate and acknowledge Keith's contribution to MC on his retirement. The dinner raised about \$18,000 for the newly formed A. Keith Smiley Ecology Series.

During 1994, MC lost Keith to retirement and gained Ron Brand. Ron agreed to take on the job of Treasurer and immediately organized the financial affairs in a business-like manner. In 1994, Helen Vukasin was officially elected Chair. She was also involved in the founding of Phillies Bridge Farm Project at this time. The purpose of the farm project, a follow-up to the two dialogues with farmers, was to create a farm demonstrating organic technologies. With the agreement of three MC Board Managers to actively liaise with the Farm Project, the Board of Managers agreed to take on the administration of the

group and handle the finances until they developed to the point of incorporating and applying for tax exemption.

In 1994, the first conference of the A. Keith Smiley Ecology Series on “Environmental Values” was sponsored jointly with the Mohonk Preserve. This collaboration led to the idea that MC might develop a closer connection with the Mohonk Preserve. A liaison committee was set up to study the possibilities. After in-depth candid discussions, the two groups agreed that “the best path for the present is to emphasize cooperation, coordination and support of each other without legally connecting the two organizations.”

Thanks to the experiences of Board Members in fields such as the corrections system and peer mediation, Board discussions began to recognize the need to explore the sustainability of people as an important resource. This is demonstrated by the next three conferences in the Keith Smiley Ecology Series: “How Different Cultures Settle Differences” in 1995; “New Directions in Crime Prevention: A Forum for Environmental Alternatives” in 1996; and “Environmental and Human Rights: Making the Connection” in 1998.

Biotechnology was a subject that still did not attract public interest. MC decided that a seminar with people deeply involved in the subject could be a stepping-stone to disseminating information to the general public. In 1999, the seminar, “Biotechnology: How it will Affect the Future of the Hudson Valley,” brought together representatives from the following: Cornell University, SUNY Oswego, University of

Liverpool, Cornell Cooperative Extension, NY State Dept of Agriculture and Markets, the Congressmen's office, Bard College, and AgriVirion (a biotech corporate umbrella organization), as well as some local farmers. MC released a detailed statement about biotechnology that ended with this conclusion:

MC urges a cautious approach to the use of genetic modification in all applications, especially in the Hudson Valley. We advocate long-term thinking and careful consideration of the impact of this technology on the farmers, especially small-scale and organic farmers, on current consumers, and on the many generations to come.

The awards ceremonies continued during the 1990s. In 1994, MC experimented with limiting the annual award to a single person or organization with a headline keynote speaker. This worked extremely well and was confirmed in 1995 as an improved format for the program.

In 1997, Smiley Bros, Inc, (the corporation that manages Mohonk Mountain House) responded positively to a request for part-time support for the administration of MC. This support has continued up to the present.

During the late 1990s, a great deal of effort was extended to follow up on the conferences of the Keith Smiley Conference Series. The Board members who had spearheaded each of these conferences pursued ideas for follow-through. It was a good effort and in the end the Board had to admit that MC's contribution

is primarily in initiating efforts and creating a permanent follow-up through our collaborators. It worked with the Phillis Bridge Farm Project and with the programs on water that led to the Hudson Valley Watershed Alliance. It was less successful in the areas of Human Rights and Environment; Dispute Resolution; for initiatives in support of protection of the population at risk for incarceration; and for disseminating information about the effects of biotechnology on agriculture and the community.

Thus ended the decade of the 90s with a substantial list of conferences on topics important to the Hudson River Valley, a number of publications sharing information generated by the conferences, and more than ten awards to unsung heroes who have contributed to the betterment of the Hudson River Valley.

THE 21ST CENTURY

The year 2000 and the 21st century began with Board agreement to co-sponsor with SUNY New Paltz, a Conference on "Lessons from Kosovo: Where Do We Go from Here?" The conference was initiated by Roger Bowen, President of SUNY New Paltz and a member of the MC Board. It featured members of the International Commission mandated to study what had happened in Kosovo.

The conference was based on the first public report of the members of the International Commission on Kosovo. The idea was to generate discussion about the lessons learned from this tragic event. It was considered by the Board as a natural continuation of

the original ideas of the Smiley brothers in the 1890s. The conference, held in December 2000, was proposed to be the beginning of a series on peace initiatives.

Plans were well underway in 2001 for a round table gathering of all of the past MC awardees to discuss "The State of the Hudson Valley – Air, Water, Land, Quality of Life" to be held in November 2001. All this changed when the tragedy of 9/11 struck New York City and Washington. MC responded by shifting the topic to "International Terrorism and Our Response to It." The same participants were invited. All those attending were asked to bring a guest and/or a written contribution reflecting the point of view of another culture.

In a review of the meeting, the Board agreed that the format and discussion provided a useful reaction. Some cultural diversity was introduced and even more would have been useful. A booklet containing poems and statements presented was prepared called *From Crisis to Opportunity – Reflections on September 11*. The Board decided that the contents were too personal to distribute widely.

In 2001 we mourned the loss of our revered founder and leader, A. Keith Smiley.

Two long-term Board members, Helen Vukasin and Alice Cross, stepped down from Chair/Clerk and Secretary, respectively in 2002. Ann Guenther was elected Chair for 2002-03; Louisa Guralnik Finn agreed to serve as Secretary.

In the fall of 2002, MC collaborated with Hudson Valley Smart Growth Alliance for a community conference on “Controlling Sprawl in the Hudson Valley.” The Conference was a success but collaboration was less interactive than had been hoped for.

Development of Farming in the Hudson Valley, a pamphlet on the history of local agriculture was prepared by Clare Danielsson as a support for MC’s work with the Phillis Bridge Farm Project. MC agreed to partially support the printing of the booklet.

During 2002 planning proceeded for a Forum Series with a limited format of a speaker or a small panel discussion of experts, followed by audience questions and contributions, for a total of two hours. The first Forum, on Water, was held in March 2003, during the UN-designated “Year of Fresh Water”.

The Forum led to a coalition with Hudson River Sloop Clearwater, Inc. to sponsor a major conference in November: “Keeping our Heads above Water: Protecting Fresh Water for the Future.” This Conference was the foundation for a meeting in the Forum format to found a Watershed Alliance of Hudson Valley organizations in March 2004. In the following November the first annual meeting of the Hudson River Watershed Alliance was held at Mohonk with the cooperation of MC.

In 2004 MC was asked to work with the World Affairs Council to bring to the Hudson Valley for two days, Lester Brown, economist, environmentalist, and author of *Plan B*. This event expanded into appearances at Bard College, Dutchess Community

College and SUNY New Paltz, as well as an invitational lunch and dialogue sponsored by MC at the Mohonk Mountain House in October 2004.

In the meantime, MC began making plans for the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the organization in 2005. The Anniversary Celebration replaced the 2005 Awards program. The program held in June 2005, and honoring Keith and Ruth Smiley, included a slide/reading of Ruth Smiley's images and the writings of both Keith and Ruth. A short talk by Paul Huth paid them homage. Some history and a review of plans for the future rounded out the program.

Based on an earlier presentation about the concept of the Eco-village, a Forum was proposed for April 2005. The event was attended by many people already involved in the eco-village movement and those interested in learning about it.

At the Annual meeting in May 2005, the mantle of Chair/Clerk was passed from Ann Guenther to Louisa Guralnik Finn, a Smiley family member. This move continues the tradition of passing on the vitality and creativity of previous Clerks to those who follow.

In November 2005, The Hudson River Watershed Alliance, supported by MC, held their second meeting at Mohonk to plan the activities of the Alliance.

MC held a Forum in April 2006, "Lessons from Katrina: What is our local plan?" The panel featured a keynote speaker who had experienced the aftermath of Katrina in New Orleans. Clare Danielsson chaired the meeting and introduced the connection with the Hudson Valley.

MC continued to support the meeting of the Hudson River Watershed Alliance for their third and fourth annual meetings in November 2006 and 2007 respectively.

In April 2007, MC cooperated with the Epworth Camp of the Episcopal Church to sponsor a Forum on “Demystifying Permaculture.”

In the fall of 2007, a Forum was organized by MC and local Native Americans: “Survival Lessons for the Earth: How Can Native American Models Help Us?”

CONCLUSION

This history was conceived as part of the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of Mohonk Consultation. It is appropriate in looking toward the next twenty-five years to remind ourselves of the vision of the founders of Mohonk.

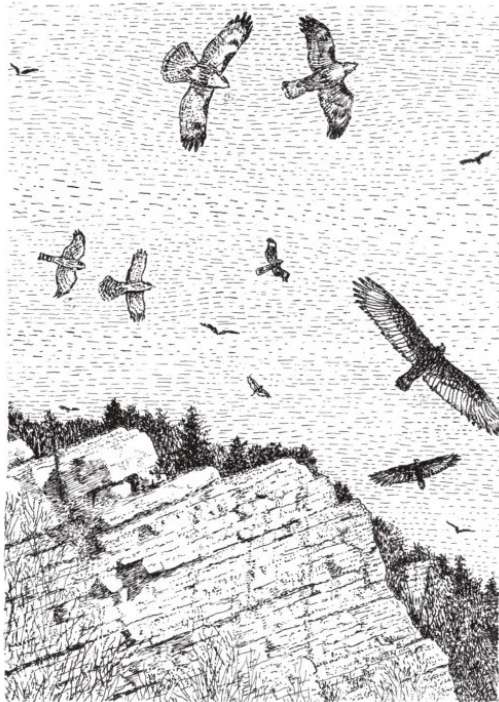
Albert K. Smiley in the late 19th century looked forward to “Eminent men and women meeting at Mohonk to discuss great national and international questions that pertain to the betterment of the world.”

In the 20th century A. Keith Smiley created Mohonk Consultations “to bring together people of diverse perspectives at Mohonk to discuss practical means to sustain the Earth’s resources, including people.”

In the 21st century Sandra Smiley, Keith’s daughter and a direct descendent of the founders has said, “Over the years, the issues that ask for attention have

varied, but Mohonk – its inspirational land, the people and spirit – remains an unfaltering tribute to the strength of vision of the generations before us. We honor those people and vow to continue in their footsteps to the best of our ability.”

Louisa Guralnik Finn, daughter of a Smiley, and present Chair of MC affirms the mission of Mohonk Consultations as reflective of hope and the spirit of Keith Smiley.



APPENDIX A: CURRENT AND PAST MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS

Current Members 2007

Ron Brand	1994
Kristin Brown	1994
Airy Dixon	2001
Anne Finn	2003
Ann Guenther	1998
Louisa Guralnik Finn	2002
Paul Kellar	1999
Patty Matteson	2007
Sandra Smiley	1990
David Smith	1995
Barbara Valocore	1999
Helen L. Vukasin	1985

Past Members 1980 - 2007

Dr. Roger Bowen	1999 - 02
Eleanor (Nash) Brown	1985 - 96
Richard J. Cassidy	1980 - 87
Anthony Costa	1980 - 84
Sidney Craven	1993 - 96
Alice Cross	1986 - 05
Clare Danielsson	1995 - 07
Sam Engelstad	1987 - 94
Caren Fairweather	1992 - 94
Dr. John Happel	1980 - 92
Beth Hill	2004 - 07
Barbara Lawrence	1994 - 97
James Longbotham	1996 - 97
Leon O. Marion	1980 - 95
Sal Marzullo	1984 - 86
James Robbins	1992 - 94
Ann Rodman	1997 - 98
Paul Ruter	1992 - 93

Penelope Ryan	1980 - 85
Virginia B. Schoonmaker	1984 - 95
A. Keith Smiley	1980 - 95
Charles W. Stokes	1980 - 94
E. Ward Stearns	1985 - 92

APPENDIX B: MOHONK CONSULTATIONS AWARDEES

1984

Highland School Tree Project
Philipstown Community Council, Inc. (Putnam Co.)

1985

Nancy & Robert Stover
Dr. Paul F. Brandwein, Founder, Brandwein Nature Preserve & Bird Sanctuary (Orange Co.)
Kenneth E. Hasbrouck, President, Huguenot Historical Society
Thomas Richardson, Hudson Valley Green Times

1987

Scenic Hudson: Scenic Easement Acquisition
Trust for Public Land: Greymoor Farms
 Preservation
Charles Keene, Director, Museum of the Hudson Highlands

1989

Shirley Kobran, Kingston, NY
Ann Botshon, Pine Bush, NY
Warren McKeon, New Paltz, NY

1992

Frances F. Dunwell: *Hudson River Highlands*

Kingston Rotary Club: Kingston Point Park
Commission

Cindy Lancetta: Junior Recycler Program,
Marlborough

Holly L. Thomas, Dutchess Co. Planning
Department

Walkill/Shawangunk Correctional Facility:
Recycling Program

Dania Vietor, Coordinator of Volunteers, Mohonk
Preserve

Hudson Valley Greenway

1993

**Greene County Soil and Water Conservation
District**

Dan Guenther: Walkill Valley Rail Trail

Miriam Straus & Amy O'Connor: Environmental
Education

Westchester Land Trust: Mianus River
Watershed Project

New Castle League of Women Voters:
Committee on the Environment Waste
Reduction

Dorna Schroeter: Outdoor Education Program,
Putnam/Northern Westchester BOCES

Fred Isseks and Middletown High School:
Electronic English & Journalism Class

1994

Steven Stanne, Hudson River Sloop Clearwater –
Environmental Education

1995

Erik Kiviat, Hudsonia, Ltd. – Planning & Management

1996

David Miller, Superintendent, Eastern Correctional Facility, Napanoch – Environmental Education and Conservation of the Natural Environment

1997

Jim & Mary Ottaway – Citizen Participation

1998

Karl Beard – Conservation & Management of the Natural Environment

1999

Helen L. Vukasin, Mohonk Consultations Board, Phillies Bridge Farm Project – Citizen Participation & Education

2000

Manna Jo Greene, Recycling Coordinator & Educator – Education and Conservation of the Natural Environment

2001

Community Supported Agriculture Farms – Management, Conservation and Renewal of the Environment of Ulster & Dutchess Counties:

- Poughkeepsie Farm Project, Poughkeepsie
- Sisters Hill Farm, Stanfordville
- Stillpoint Community Farm, Amenia
- Four Winds Farm, Gardiner
- Huguenot Street Farm, New Paltz

- Phillies Bridge Farm Project, Inc., New Paltz,
- Taliaferro Farms, Clintondale
- And Sow On Farm, High Falls

2002

Al Valk, Supervisor, Town of Montgomery –
Planning and Preservation

2003

Martha Cheo, Hudson River Watch and Director
Education, Phillies Bridge Farm Project –
Education, Communication and Citizen
Participation

2004

Ilka List, Artist & Environmental Educator –
Education and Communication

2005

Mohonk Consultations 25th Anniversary
Celebration

2006

John Jankiewicz, Water and Sewer Administrator,
Town of Lloyd – Education and Communication

2007

Les Hulcoop, Cornell Cooperative Extension –
Education and Communication

APPENDIX C: CONFERENCES, FORUMS AND PUBLICATIONS

- Conference - October 1981 **Revitalization of the Hudson River Basin**
Publication: *Report on Revitalization of the Hudson River Basin* 1982*
- Conference - October 1983 **Celebration of the Hudson Valley Environment**
Publication: *Report* 1983*
- Meeting - November 1984 **Multinational Corporate Executives for more Effective Role for the Private Sector in International Development**
- Conference - April 1984 **Representatives of Corporations, Labor Organizations and Labor Arbitrators**
- Conference - September 1987 **Initiatives for the Future**
- Cooperation - with **Highland Middle School**
Publication: *The Tree Project, A Model for Developing Global Understanding at the Middle School Level* 1988*
- Conference - August 1988 **Dialogue with Family Farmers on Preservation of Agriculture in the Hudson Valley**
Publication: *Preservation of Agriculture in the Hudson Valley* 1989

- Seminar - March 1989 **Two-day Seminar on What Biotech Means for the Hudson Valley and Beyond**
- Conference - November 1989 **Dialogue with Family Farmers on Economic Survival and New Technologies in Family Farming**
Publication: *New Technologies for Family Farming* 1989
- Conference - May 1993 **Greenways: Partnerships for the Future with Crossroads**
- Conference - December 1994 **Environmental Values**, with Mohonk Preserve
- Conference - November 1995 **How Different Cultures Settle Differences**
- Conference - November 1996 **New Directions for Crime Prevention**
Publication: *Seeking New Directions for Crime Prevention* 1998*
- Conference - November 1998 **Environmental and Human Rights: Making the Connection, a Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Human Rights Declaration**
Publication: *Conference Report**
- Seminar - November 1999 **Biotechnology: How it will Affect the Future of the Hudson Valley.**

- Conference - December 2000 **Lessons from the Conflict in Kosovo, Where Do We Go from Here?** with SUNY New Paltz
- Seminar - November 2001 **From Crisis to Opportunity: Reflections on Recent Events**
Publication: *From Crisis to Opportunity 2001**
- Conference - October 2002 **Controlling Sprawl in the Hudson Valley**, with Hudson Valley Smart Growth Alliance
- Publication – 2002 *Development of Farming in the Hudson Valley* by Clare Danielsson
- Forum - March 2003 **What Water Crisis? Local Perspectives**
- Conference - November 2003 **Keeping our Heads above Water: Protecting Fresh Water for the Future**, with Hudson River Sloop Clearwater.
- Forum - March 2004 **Creating a Hudson River Valley Watershed Partnership** (The founding of the Hudson River Watershed Alliance)
- Dialogue - November 2004 **Lunch with Lester Brown, a dialogue with the author of *Plan B***, with the World Affairs Council
- Conference - November 2004 **Hudson River Watershed Alliance Meeting**, in support of the Alliance

- Forum - April 2005 **Eco-villages: How Do We Get There from Here?**
- Conference - November 2005 **Hudson River Watershed Alliance Second Meeting**, in support of the Alliance
- Forum - April 2006 **Lessons from Katrina: What is our Local Plan?**
- Conference – November 2006 **Hudson River Watershed Alliance Third Meeting**, in support of the Alliance
- Forum - April 2007 **Demystifying Permaculture**
- Conference – November 2007 **Hudson River Watershed Alliance Fourth Meeting**, in support of the Alliance
- Forum – Fall 2007 **Survival Lessons for the Earth: How Can Native American Models Help Us?** with association of local Native Americans

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