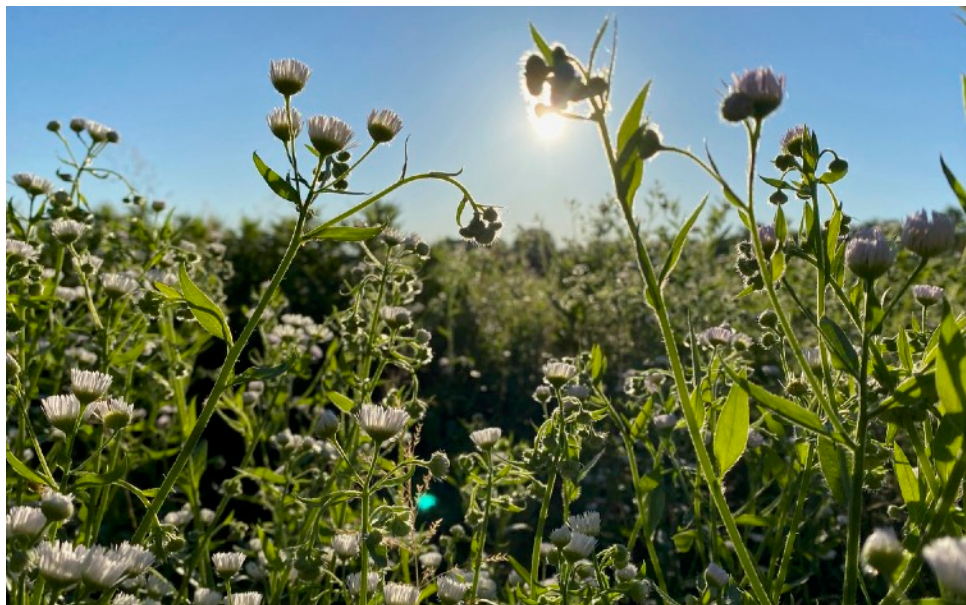




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Sunday, April 19, 2026

Mohonk Mountain House Conference House



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## 2026 MOHONK CONSULTATIONS SPRING FORUM

Sunday, April 19, 3–6 p.m.

### PROGRAM

#### Welcome Song

- Bethany Yarrow

#### Mohonk Consultations Welcome

- Louisa Finn, Mohonk Consultations

#### Program Overview

- Avanti Peters, Mohonk Consultations

#### Historical Overview

- Eddie Moran, Ulster County Historian

#### Storytellers

- Kawenniiosta Jock, Skywoman's Forever Farm
- John Kelder, Kelder's Farm
- Shaniqua Bowden, Kingston Land Trust

#### Networking Reception

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| - Allies of the Tonawanda Seneca Nation | - Skywoman's Forever Farm                                                                            |
| - Conuco Farm                           | - Ulster County Historian                                                                            |
| - Freedom Farm Community                | - <i>An Unforgiving Land: Hardscrabble Life in the Trapps, A Vanished Shawangunk Mountain Hamlet</i> |
| - Kelder's Farm                         | - Wallkill Valley Land Trust                                                                         |
| - Kingston Land Trust                   | - Wild Earth                                                                                         |
| - Outdoor Promise                       |                                                                                                      |

### A U D I E N C E F E E D B A C K

Please take a moment to share your thoughts about today's program by completing a brief online survey. Scan the code or visit [mohonk-consultations.org/forum-feedback](https://mohonk-consultations.org/forum-feedback) to get started.



## FORUM PARTICIPANTS

### **Allies of the Tonawanda Seneca Nation**

strives to uphold the inherent sovereignty of the Tonawanda Seneca Nation and is working with the Nation to oppose construction of a massive data center complex at the STAMP industrial site in Genesee County.

**Shaniqua Bowden** serves as the Director of Cultural Engagement and Sustainable Living at the Kingston Land Trust, where she advances initiatives that expand land access for Indigenous communities and Black and Brown farmers and growers while supporting equitable land ownership and stewardship in communities of color.

**Conuco Farm** is a market-style CSA in New Paltz. Using regenerative and natural farming practices, Conuco is committed to working with nature, not against it, and to valuing the health of the soil, plants, trees, and wild animals just as much as the plants that they cultivate.

**Freedom Farm Community** is a faith-based nonprofit in Mount Hope, Orange County, that shares sustainably grown food with folks in need, builds community, and welcomes young people to learn about the intersections of race and environmental justice.

**Kawenniiosta Jock** is a Kanien'kehá:ka woman from the Wolf Clan of Akwesasne and Creative Director of Skywoman's Forever Farm, an Indigenous-led initiative rematriating ancestral lands and integrating Indigenous traditional ecological knowledge with modern remediation practices to restore soil, water, and food systems.

**John Kelder** is a twelfth-generation farmer at Kelder's Farm in Kerhonkson, a diverse U-pick fruit, vegetable, and flower destination that is committed to connecting people to their agricultural roots and supporting the future of regional farming.

**Eddie Moran** is a lifelong resident of the New Paltz area and a descendant of the town's Huguenot and Dutch colonizers. Appointed Ulster County Historian in September 2024, he holds a B.A. in history from SUNY New Paltz and has previously managed guided tours and historical interpretation at Historic Huguenot Street.

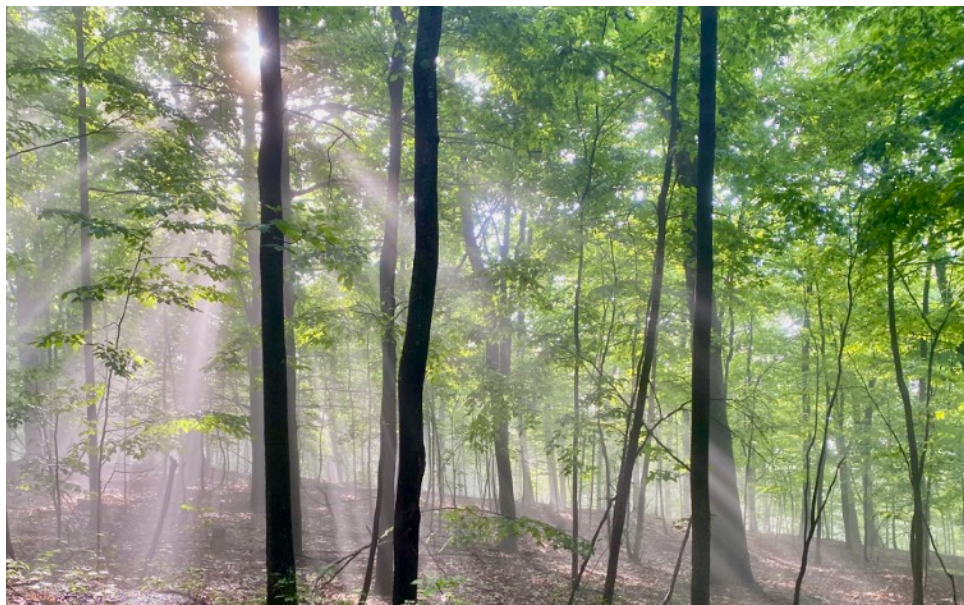
**Outdoor Promise** is a nonprofit organization dedicated to creating a more inclusive and sustainable outdoor experience for all and to building community power for clean air, safe water, and environmental justice—starting in Newburgh, NY.

***An Unforgiving Land: Hardscrabble Life in the Trapps, A Vanished Shawangunk Mountain Hamlet*** by Robi Josephson and Bob Larsen tells the unique story of a small, isolated community that lived on the Shawangunk Ridge from post-revolutionary times through World War II.

**Wallkill Valley Land Trust** is responsible for the preservation of over 3,000 acres of open space, farms and trails in Ulster County, including the Wallkill Valley Rail Trail, the Nyquist Harcourt Wildlife Sanctuary, the Mill Brook Preserve, and Joppenberg Mountain.

**Wild Earth** ignites transformative connections and creativity rooted in the natural world. Each year, Wild Earth school partnerships, summer camps, and community-based programs make nature accessible for over 4,000 youth and adults.

**Bethany Yarrow** is a song keeper and earth activist who has brought the power of her voice to rallies, demonstrations, and frontline actions around the world. She currently helps lead two organizations dedicated to the protection of the Schoharie Valley.



Mohonk Consultations acknowledges, with respect and gratitude, that we are living in and sustained by Lenapehoking, homeland of the Lenape peoples. The first peoples who lived here were the Esopus and Minisink peoples of the Lenni Lenape nations. Wars and Indian Removal policies forced most of the Lenape westward. Many of their descendants continue to live here; others live throughout North America. We honor all Indigenous communities—past, present, and future—as we seek to create a safe space for all.

### **“Let’s talk it over at Mohonk”**

*Mohonk Consultations is an independent nonprofit dedicated to creating opportunities for the meaningful and productive exchange of ideas at the historic Mohonk Mountain House. Please consider a donation in support of these efforts to bring together people of diverse perspectives and create paths for positive change.*

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