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THE SCENIC BYWAY



**Hidden gems of the
Upper Delaware Scenic Byway**



1 This lone tree with the fringe of bracken in the foreground is one of the most striking natural landmarks on the Byway. You'll see it as you come around one of the great bends in the river—and the highway alongside it—that justify its designation as "Scenic."

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Section Editor: Anne Willard

Hidden Gems of the Scenic Byway: we invite you to play

This year's Explore the Scenic Byway is an invitation to do just that: slow down and take a longer, closer look at some of the remarkable things you can see from the vantage point of New York State Route 97. We're not talking about spectacular, well known venues like the Roebling Bridge or Hawk's Nest, but the beautiful, quirky, whimsical or mysterious that you might not notice unless you're really paying attention.

It's also a contest.

In these pages, you'll find a number of photos of views, buildings, trees, shacks, ruins and other items that struck our fancy along the sides of the road. Each photo is numbered; we challenge our readers to identify each one by giving us the photo number and either the numbers on the distance marker closest to the sight (see example at right), or the name of the next turnoff road you encounter after seeing it, and the distance in tenths of a mile between the sight and the turnoff road.



Contest rules

Send your answers via email to copyeditor@riverreporter.com, or by snail mail to Anne Willard, River Reporter, PO Box 150, Narrowsburg, NY 12764. All entries including snail mail must be received in our office by August 30.

Winners will be announced in the September 7 issue of **The River Reporter**, both in print and online. At that time, we'll also upload the photos, along with answers, to our website, along with more detailed information about the subject matter. We discovered some fascinating facts, but we don't want to give away too much.

Winners will be selected by how many identifications they make and, in the case of a tie, by who submitted their answers first.

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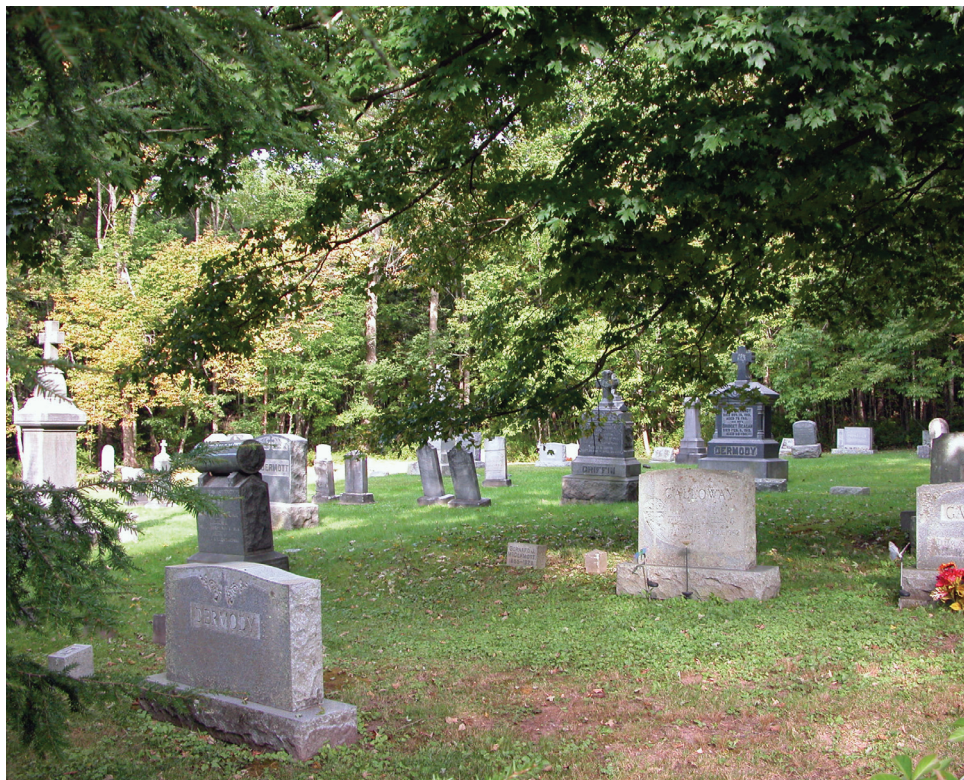
Second place: \$20 gift certificate to the Fat Lady Cafe in Kauneonga Lake, NY.

Third place: \$10 gift certificate to the Pennsylvlucky Grill in Honesdale, PA

Note that this contest covers all of Route 97 from Port Jervis to the Village of Hancock, even though some northern portions of the road are not technically considered Scenic Byway.

Safety note

Avoid stopping on the road's shoulders to get a closer look at things. There are a number of official Scenic Byway turnouts you can use, as well as a number of unlabelled, broad, graveled turnoffs used by trucks. In addition, there are numerous small, little-traveled roads that intersect with Route 97 that you can turn into and pull off safely on a grassy verge.



2 The photographer commuted up and down the Scenic Byway for 10 years, five days a week, and never caught sight of this little cemetery until she specifically started looking for hidden gems for this publication. Colleagues who have commuted over the same stretch of road hadn't noticed it either. You'll have to look carefully to find this one; you won't be able to see this view without stopping and getting out, but you will be able to glimpse enough from your car to recognize it, if you remain vigilant.

Find your own hidden gems

If, while you are exploring the road, you see some wonderful shots that we missed, and that you think belong in the category of "Hidden Gems," you can share them by posting to Instagram with the hashtag #trrbyway.



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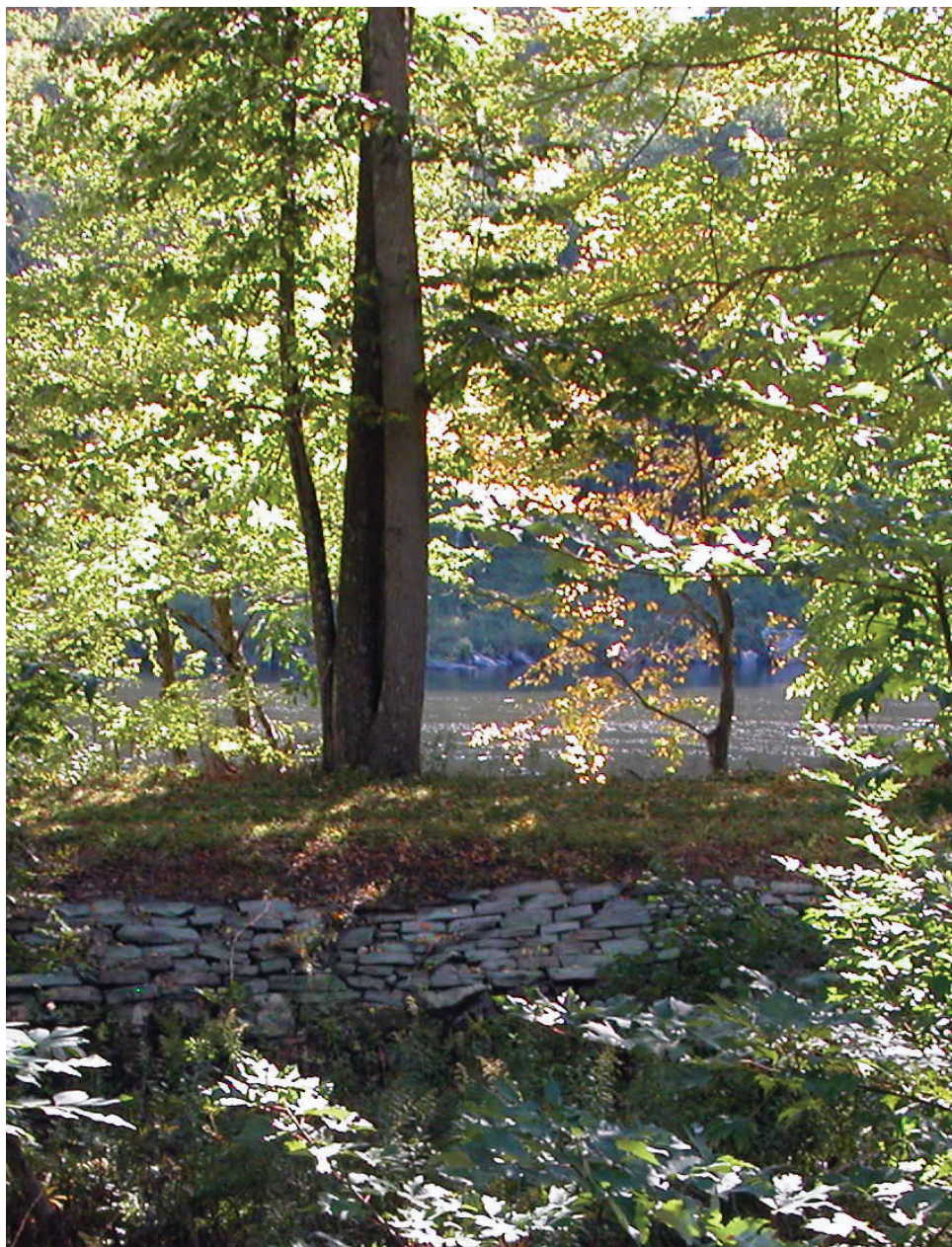


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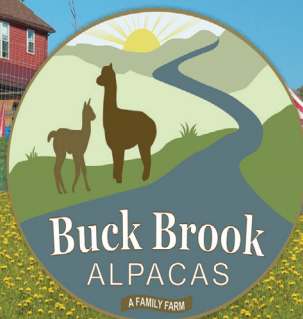
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8 This cemetery is a lot easier to spot than the one on page 4. It has a venerable history, and indeed, the headquarters of a local historical society are located not far away.



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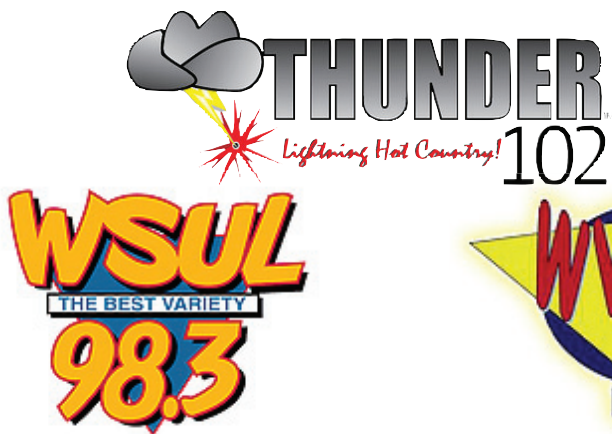
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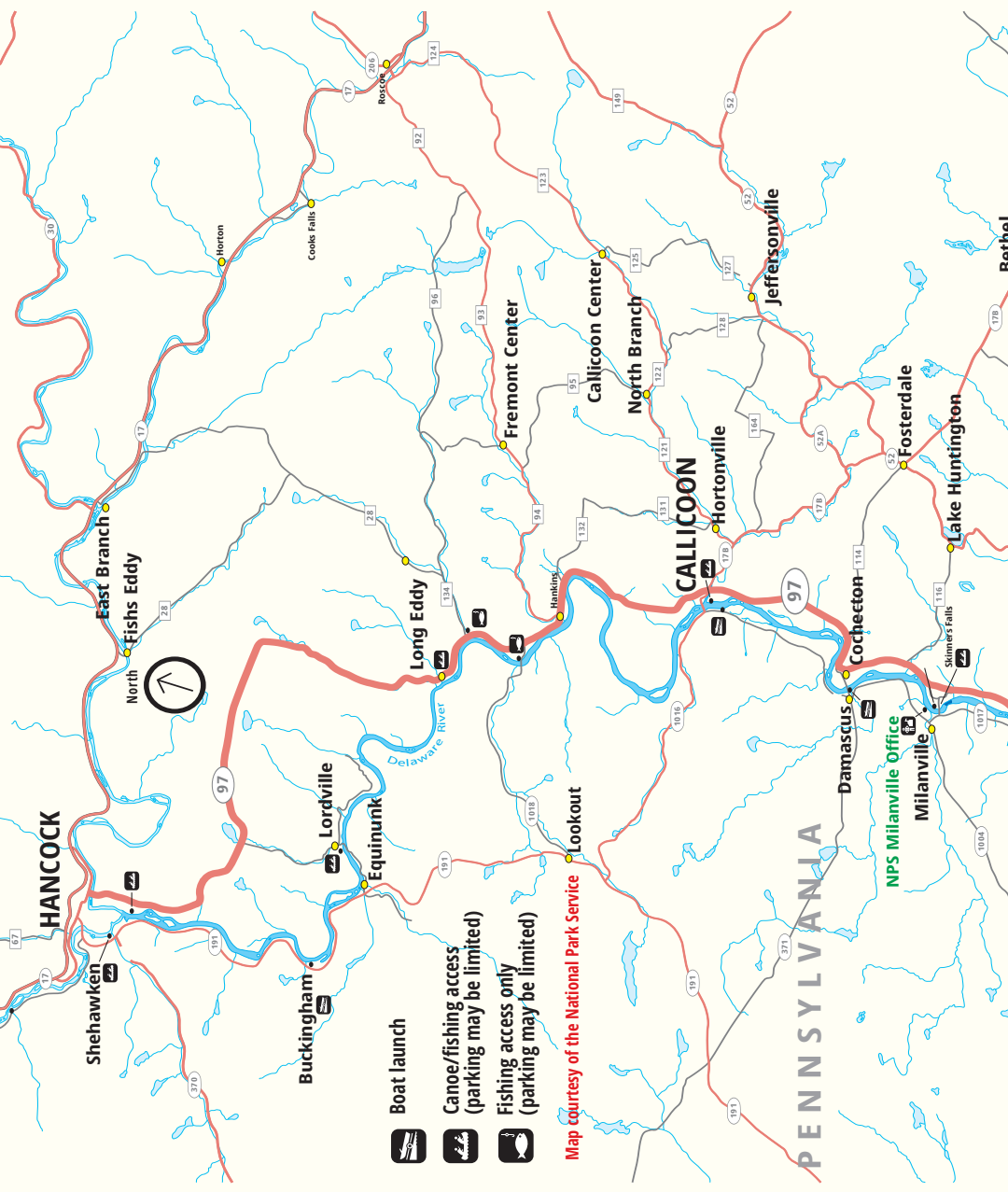


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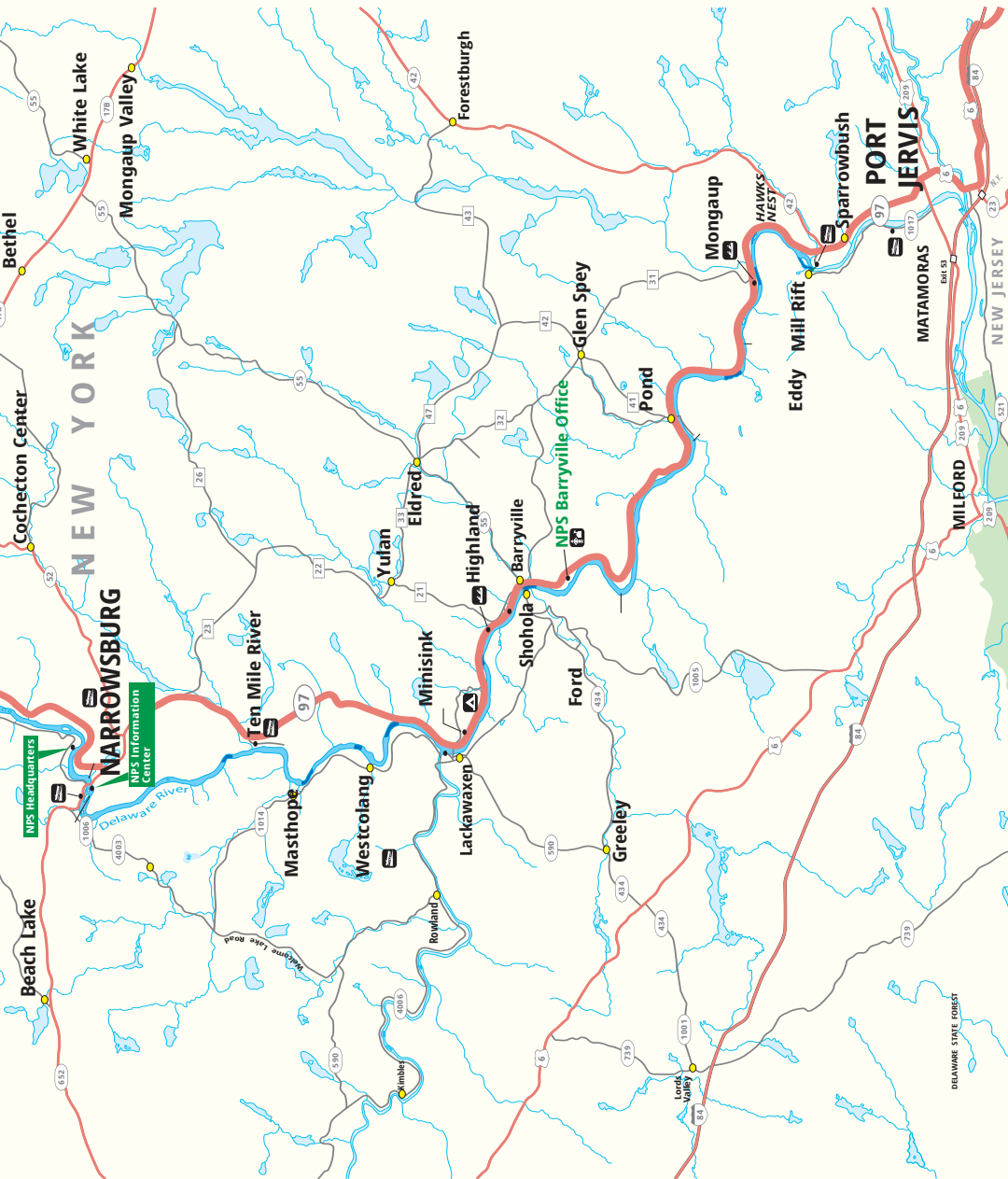
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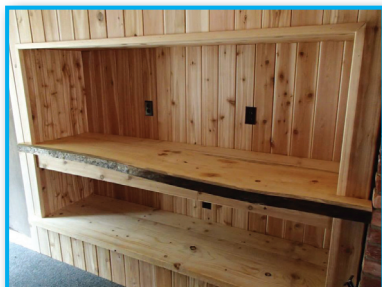


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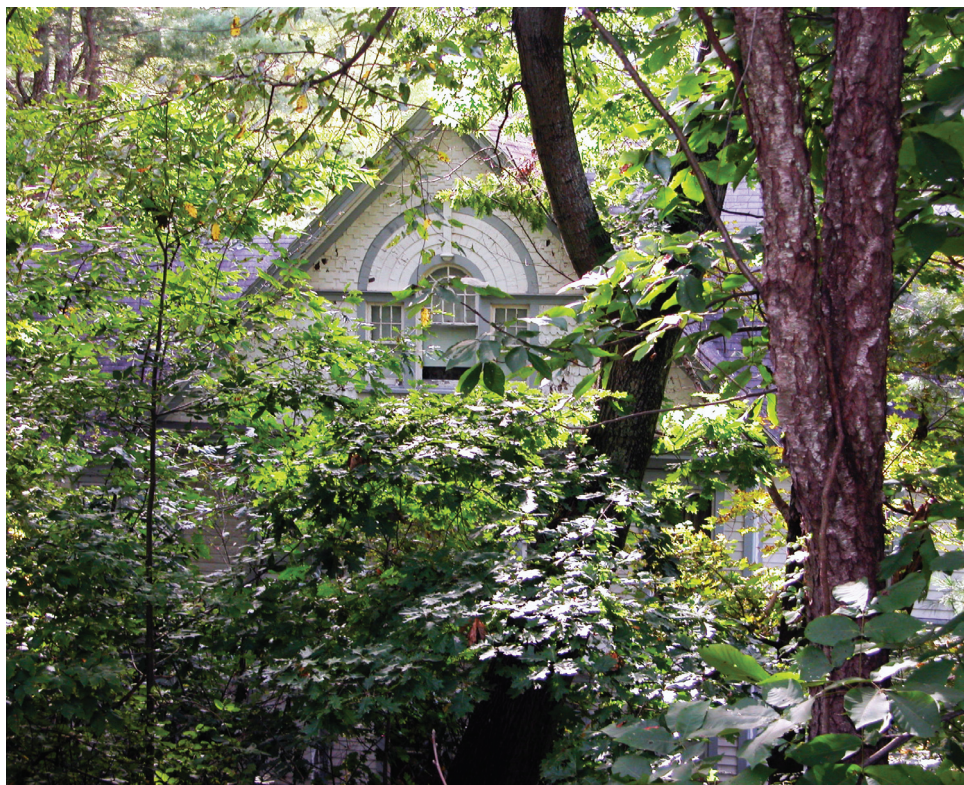
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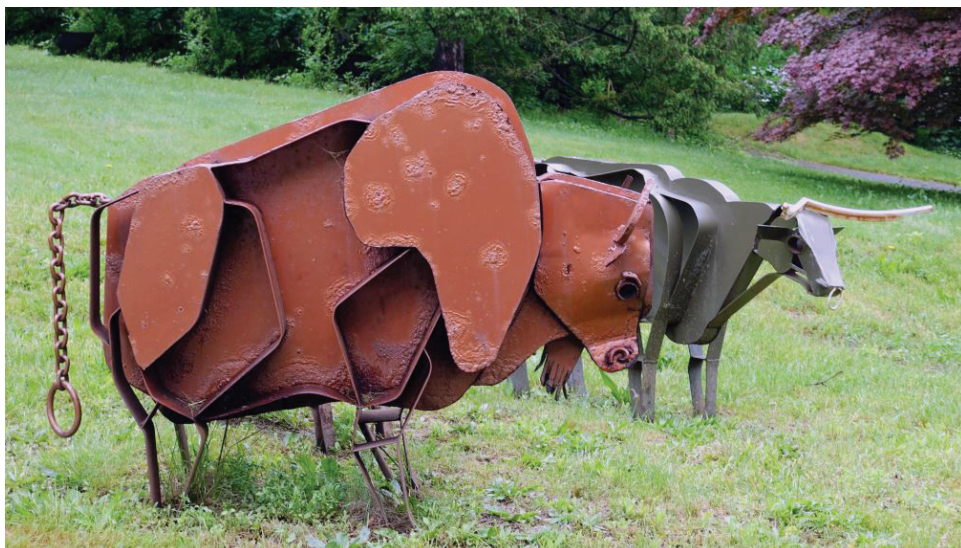
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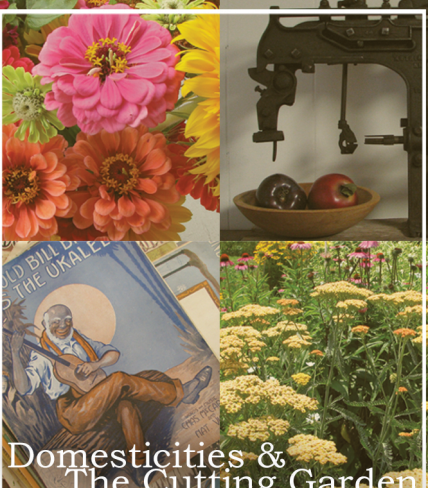
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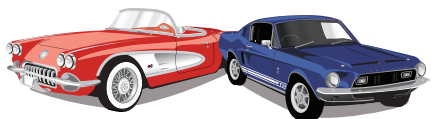
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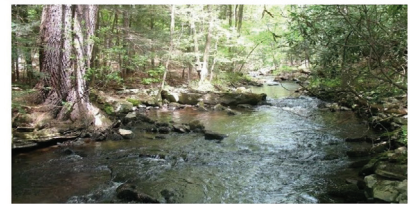
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