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EDITOR'S LETTER:

Making the most of it

As October winds down, the flush of autumn colors has already come and gone. The days still remember a touch of summer's warmth, but the nights have forgotten it, looking ahead already to the winter to come.

Even so, there are plenty of brilliant, crisp days yet to come before the snow sets in and the sun will start setting early in the afternoon. It's time to make the most of it while there's still some of it to be made the most of, while the outdoors isn't yet actively hostile to human existence.

Patrick Kelly starts readers off with an introduction to the Catskill Mountainkeeper Trail Steward program, which helps ensure visitors engage with the natural world fully and responsibly. (Watch out for photos from Sonia Ahmed!) Maria Grimaldi offers up musings on native plants and on autumnal cooking, with suggestions for making a warming seasonal chili.

Annemarie Schuetz will help keep us safe with tips on ticks and Lyme disease (did you know that Wayne County has the 26th highest Lyme rate in the country?). Then, we'll visit Lackawaxen to meet Devin Devine, a stonemason specializing in an individual, "lithadelic" style.

We'll then take a look to the past, revisiting a conversation Schuetz had with artist Susan Cottle in 2019. We'll wrap up with some winterization tips from Barbara Winfield. Together, they'll help turn your mind to the steps that will help give you an inviting abode for your seasonal hibernation.

Thank you for reading! We hope the season finds you safe and warm.

Liam Mayo
Section Editor

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A close-up on a lithadelic sphere shows the way the rocks stack one on another to form swirls.

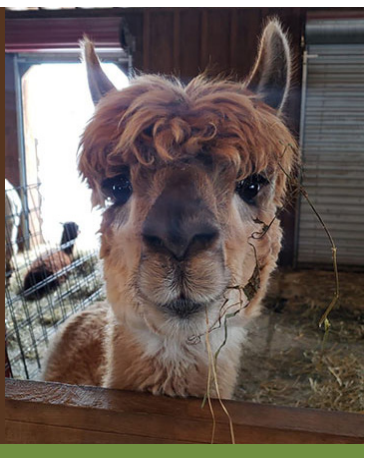
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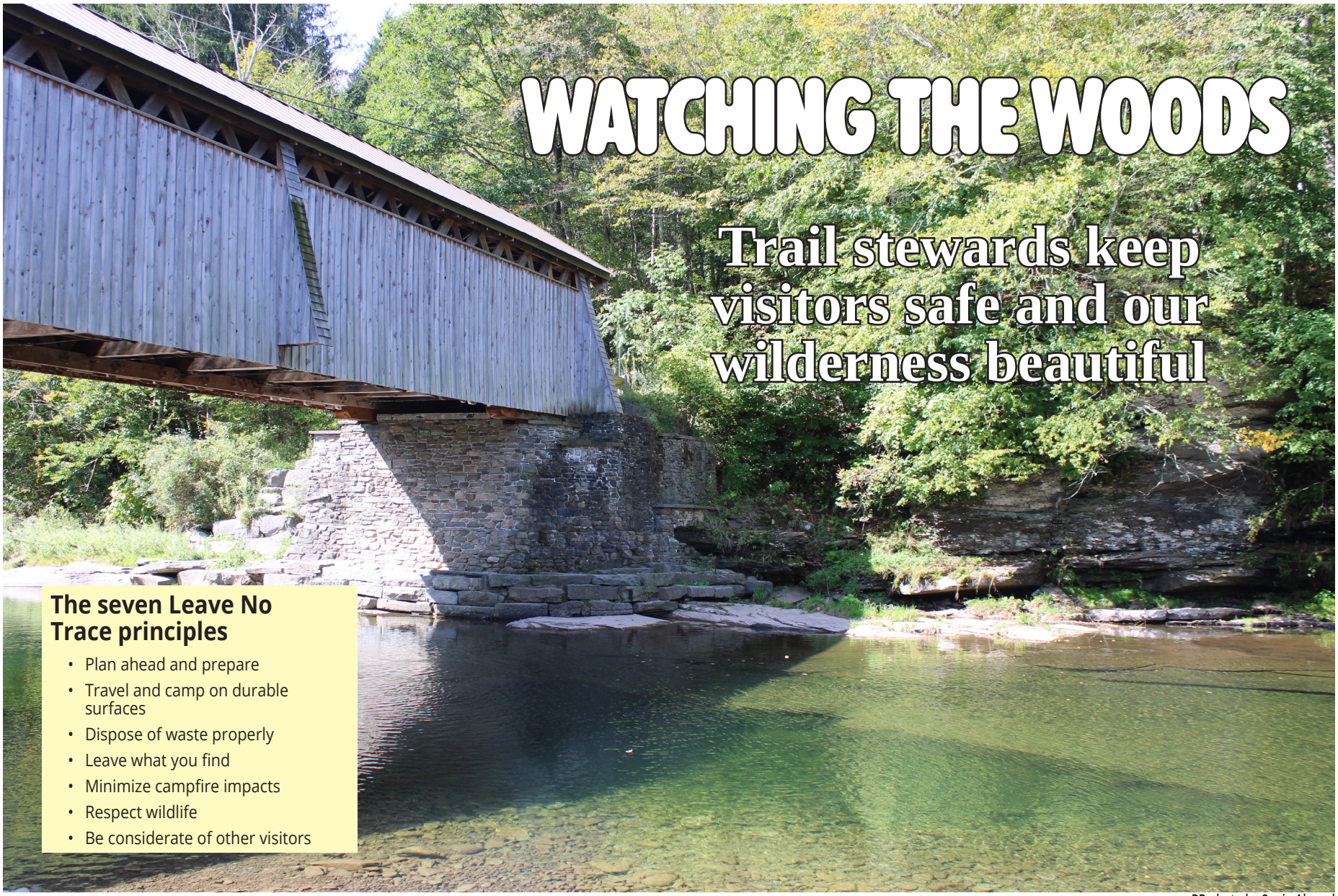


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WATCHING THE WOODS

Trail stewards keep visitors safe and our wilderness beautiful



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Beaverkill covered bridge is one of the locations at which the park stewards help out.

The seven Leave No Trace principles

- Plan ahead and prepare
- Travel and camp on durable surfaces
- Dispose of waste properly
- Leave what you find
- Minimize campfire impacts
- Respect wildlife
- Be considerate of other visitors

By PATRICK KELLY

TOWN OF ROCKLAND, NY — Deep in the beauty of the Town of Rockland lies the Beaverkill Covered Bridge, one of the four covered bridges in Sullivan County that is still standing. The dark wood of which it is made is in stark contrast to the vibrant nature that surrounds it. Approaching it, one feels like one has stepped into a postcard. Its tranquil beauty is a testament to rural life. It's no wonder that for countless people it serves as a popular tourist destination.

However, as people visit the area, there come the side effects. Traffic to the area results in several unintended consequences, such as litter on trails or in waterways, or even people getting lost or hurt. Fortunately, a group of volunteers is ready to face these consequences and make sure that visitors to the Catskills stay safe and keep the nature around us pristine.

Enter the Catskill Mountainkeeper Trail Steward program. Local organization Catskill Mountainkeeper, in partnership with the Catskill Center and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, has stewards at popular scenic destinations across the Catskills. For six years now, the trail stewards set up at the beautiful spots in the Catskills, including the Beaverkill Covered Bridge, Big Pond Trailhead and Alder Lake, from May to October.

"Informed and low-impact visitorship to the Catskill Park is critical to the health and sustainability of our natural environment," the website for the program reads. "Each year, Catskill Mountainkeeper Stewards engage with visitors on how to responsibly enjoy the Park and respect our natural world."

Austin Schneider, one of the stewards, said that he got involved with the program after he started his own trail maintenance company Catskill Trail Resources. Schneider said he enjoys the conservation-and-environmental protection side of the job.

"During the pandemic, I was living at a Tibetan retreat center and everything got shut down, so I was working on the trails there, and someone asked me to do the trails at their house, and then one of their neighbors asked me, so I started this trail maintenance company, and then in 2025, someone just sent me a link to apply for this, which is more of a conservation side of it, which I'm deeply interested in," Schneider said. "So I applied and I got the job because I spend a lot of time in the woods, and it's been great. Actually, it's been really restful doing this instead of shoveling things on the side of a mountain."

Victoria Gershik-Thompson, another trail steward, said she was an environmentalist and was looking for a way to be more involved in the area. "I worked for a farmer named Eugene, and he works for Catskill Mountainkeeper, and he was telling me about Catskill Mountainkeeper," Gershik-Thompson said.

Gershik-Thompson did more research into the organization, then discovered the stewards program, which seemed right up her alley. She said, "When 2026 came up, I saw that they were hiring Catskill stewards, and I was like 'Oh, that's interesting.' I wanted to get involved somehow locally, and so I applied. I care about the environment; I care about environmental education with kids especially."

Responsibilities and rescues

The trail stewards have many responsibilities. In addition to keeping the area beautiful, noting damage to the trails and taking metrics of who visits the locations where they are stationed, stewards perform outreach and education about wilderness topics and how to make sure that these areas of natural beauty stay beautiful.

"One of my biggest [responsibilities] is greeting visitors. Say 'Hi, we're here,"' Gershik-Thompson said. "Also sharing Leave No Trace principles, and offering information if they have any questions, like any trail questions. We have maps, and a lot of times people will say 'I didn't come prepared.' So it's good for us to have. So I would say [our responsibilities are] giving and providing information that is supportive to people's journeys in the woods, Leave No Trace principles and greeting people."

"It's less of a customer service thing because we're not selling anything other than knowledge for free," Schneider said. "If anyone gets hurt, we're trained for wilderness rescue medicine, wilderness first aid. We're instructors for the Leave No Trace principles. I think [we] really set a good example and just have a presence here of someone who you know will pick up trash or answer questions or show a map or suggest other spots in the area."

Schneider said that one of the benefits of being a trail steward was seeing everyone enjoy nature, and getting to share that experience with them.

"I was here for Fourth of July two years in a row, and it was just a huge party. You know, just the barbecue smoke was just thick in the air. It smelled so good. People feed us. Everyone's happy."

It's not all barbecues in good times however. When they are called for, the stewards jump into action to help. Gershik-Thompson shared one such story, in which a woman lost her friend in the woods and couldn't find her.

"We were closing our shift at Alder Lake, and we saw a woman walking back and forth, looking a little frantic. She had come in with a friend, and she hadn't seen her friend for four hours," Gershik-Thompson said. "So we're like, 'OK, wow, this is our job.' We're supposed to stop at four, but we can't because we need to go seek help because she doesn't know where her friend is."

Gershik-Thompson and Schneider went to work. She traveled to Little Pond to phone the ranger and inform them of the situation. The woman who lost her friend

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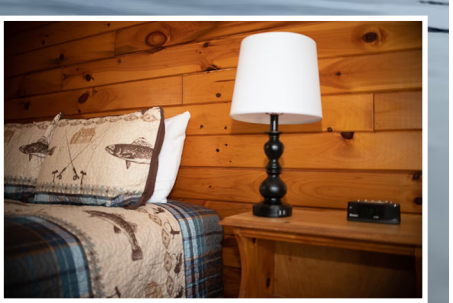
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had run back into the trails to find her missing friend.

"It was right at the end of the day," Schneider said. "I remember I saw this guy on the trail and described the woman, the missing party, and he said he saw her way up by the fire tower, and we heard her back was hurting, and she didn't have water, and it seemed like she went the wrong way. So that was kind of a full evening of the ranger contacting me again after I was home trying to find them."

Schneider said that eventually the ranger found them. The friends did go camping that night, and the stewards found out they were fine, "because we saw them the next day here."

"We had no idea what [happened], and then they just pulled up, and we were like, 'Hey, it's them!' At the same time, they were pointing, 'Hey, it's them!' So that was nice," Schneider said.

Gershik-Thompson said that the job of the stewards is to be there to support, but also to "let the authorities, like the rangers, know because really they do search and rescue."

These are important responsibilities, and ones that can always use willing people to take up. Gershik-Thompson said that if people are interested in the environment and want to get involved locally, the steward program is a great way to do that.

"We encourage people to apply, especially younger folks, to apply for the stewardship program to get involved in local environmental issues," Gershik-Thompson said. "We would love there to be more awareness that this program exists, so that people can get involved for next year. They always need more stewards."

For more information about the program, visit www.catskillmountainkeeper.org/catskill_stewardship.



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Park stewards Austin Schneider, left, and Victoria Gershik-Thompson, right, expressed their love for the parks on September 12.

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Saying goodbye to summer

Why the Earth laughs at us in autumn

By MARIA GRIMALDI

Isn't autumn the most wonderful time of year here? The cooler days and nights are like a second spring and encourage renewed activity in the garden. The changing color of the leaves are a reminder of the closing of the season. In effect, nature is laughing at our human efforts to repel winter and a winter's accompanying time of forced rest.

It was a splendid year for the perennial border. The clematis refused to stop blooming and now the wild clematis (known as virgins' bower, a native FALL and fall blooming clematis) climbs the fences in the wild zones of my garden. The rosehips on the wild and cultivated roses have proven an abundant crop for wild critters, especially for my "pet" wild birds who visit my feeders daily. Late-blooming jewelweed, a species of impatiens, continue to give sustenance to hummingbirds as they ready for their long trips south. Apples and pears cling to their parent trees awaiting harvest as the nights get cooler promising an abundance of fruit for snacking, salads and sauces.

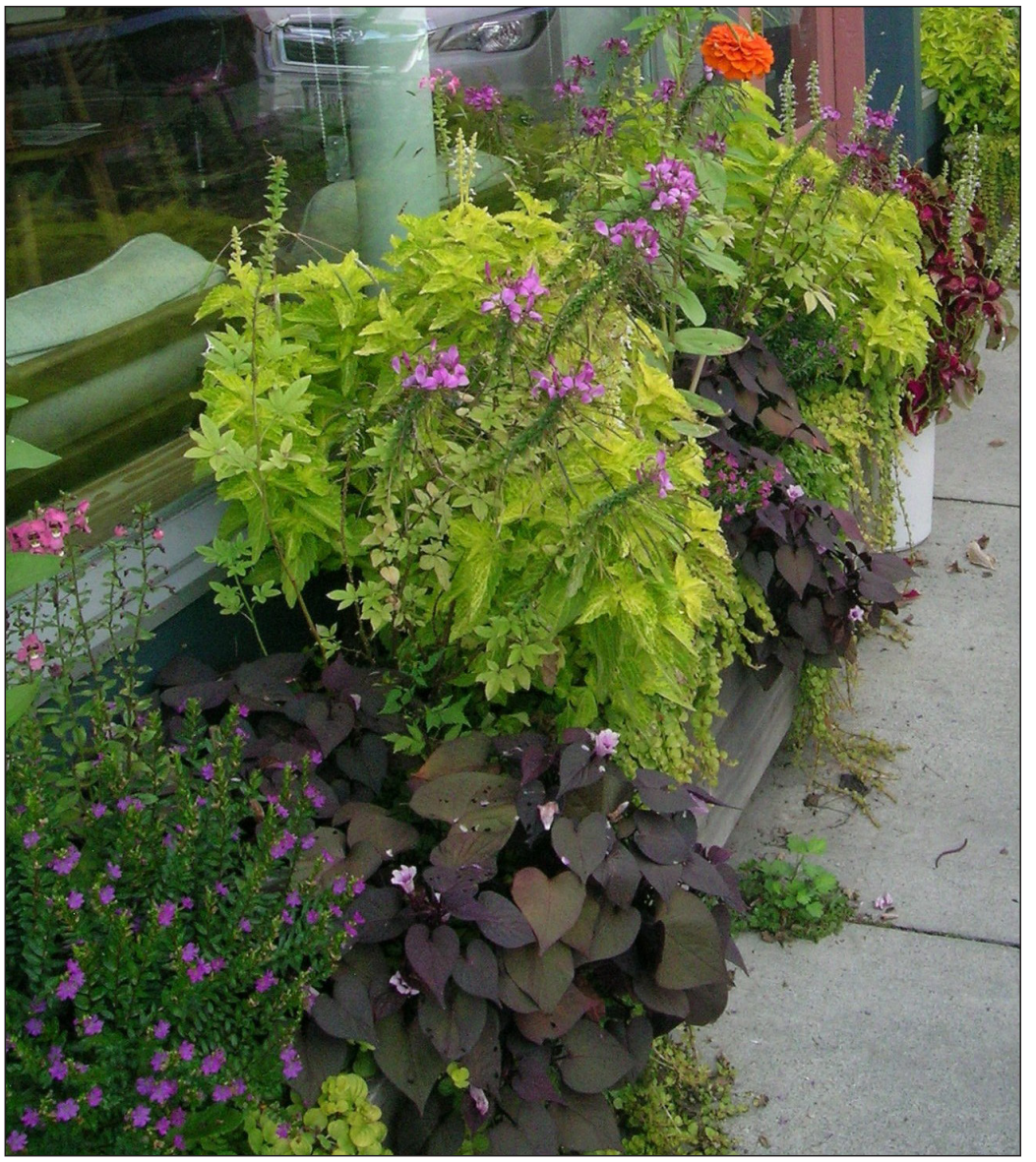
Many wild natives have migrated to the cultivated borders, like hardy native geraniums and violets as well as low-growing, non-natives (such as Japanese spurge) which have become ground covers, too. Thankfully, they have overtaken the lawn, along with precious forget-me-nots, escaping the dutiful efforts of landscapers to eradicate any lawn invaders.

Time to let go

Autumn in the northeastern region of the United States and Canada is marked by a slow, beautiful change of green foliage to a riot of color, including vibrant reds, oranges, yellows and purples. The leaves formerly appeared green because of the presence of pigment of chlorophyl. In temperate regions, cold winters pose a risk to the leaves of broadleaf deciduous trees and herbaceous perennials, so these plants drop their leaves in a controlled fashion to reduce injuries and conserve energy. This event is usually triggered by the declining day length and falling temperatures of autumn.

Leaf abscission (the technical term for the dropping of leaves) begins with the degradation of chlorophyll. As the green fades, yellow and orange pigments are revealed in the leaves along with shades of red and purple. Much of the most beautiful fall foliage features both types of pigment and as the season progresses, they begin to reveal themselves. Eventually all the leaves are dropped, and then the plant goes dormant above ground. The fruit trees as well will release their bounty if not taken early by squirrels and birds.

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Flower boxes still bloom in the fall, though perennials and their roots are preparing for winter.



RR photo by Maria Grimaldi

Making chili is a personal, intuitive process, and the ingredients involved vary from person to person, chef to chef. They may include onions, tomatoes, beans and peppers in a variety of colors and flavors.

Cooking in autumn

As the nights grow cold and fall colors set in, a pot of chili shared with friends (perhaps enjoyed by a fire-warmed hearth) makes for a delightful way to use up the harvest gleaned from one's garden or from the season's farmers' markets.

I am not a major fan of chili—except at this time of year, when I am reminded of the ingredients found in the New World and discovered in 1492. It turns out that chili, as we know it today, is a fusion dish reflecting a mix of Native American, Spanish and, later, Texan influences. The best chili, with or without the addition of meat, is an example of the melding of different culinary traditions from both the old and the new world.

Making chili is a personal, intuitive process. For me, for four servings, it must include a couple of cups of sliced, colorful peppers (both sweet and hot) that call to me from the garden or markets, along with freshly chopped celery. Tomatoes and beans are necessary for me as well, and pinto beans (or cranberry beans, which may be grown here) are an ideal addition. Some people may add corn, cut off the cob, when available, to sweeten up the celebrated stew of vegetables or carrots to do the same.

The cooking process starts with a sauté of about one onion, red or white or both, and of course a couple of cloves of garlic. I use olive oil to sauté, but any vegetable oil would work with the flavors as well. Then, add the coarsely chopped vegetables; crushed tomatoes, fresh or canned; and the beans, which are either pre-cooked or canned. It is at this point in the sauté' that the chopped meat of choice may be added.

Next come the important flavorings. Cumin is necessary, along with decent quality chili power. If the mixture seems as if it needs more liquid, wine, beer, cider or broth may be added.

Let it all simmer on the stove in a heavy pot for a couple of hours. The back of a wood stove is a customary place to simmer.

Toward the end of the cooking process, fresh green herbs chopped fine should be added—consider cilantro, basil and oregano, dried or fresh. A squeeze of fresh lime brightens the chili, which may be served as is or topped with cheese of choice.

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Still to do or not

There is an old saying that a garden weeded in the fall is weeded forever. Forever is a long time, but a garden that is well mulched with layers of newspaper or plain cardboard in the fall will be ready for planting in the spring without the need for weeding. In the spring when you are ready to plant, just dig holes in the paper mulch to install your plants.

During winter, although plant activities are dormant, deeper in the ground, roots are still active communicating with each other through microbial activity. Autumn is also the time to plant spring blooming bulbs like scilla, daffodils, tulips and hyacinths, which are readily available at local garden centers or mail order sources. A tool known as a bulb planter (or a stick) may be used to dig, or "dibble," a hole to accommodate the bulb. The rule of thumb is that the bulb should be covered with about twice the amount of soil as its size. For example, a two-inch bulb should be covered with about four inches of soil.

The harvest and celebration of the Columbus Exchange

October 12, formerly known as Columbus Day and now officially known as Indigenous Peoples' Day, offers an occasion to reflect on the cultural effects of that meeting of peoples.

The discovery of foods and spices in the West Indies helped create the mélange of foods that make up today's nouvelle cuisine. The marriage of Old World foods with New World foods defies segregation in home or restaurant cuisine these days, from garnishes with foreign herbs like rosemary, thyme and parsley to the integral parts of a recipe that combine fruits and nuts like grapes, from Europe, and pistachios, from the Middle East. Corn marries chicken, and potatoes marry lamb, both meats from animals that were not here in 1492. From appetizers and beverages to desserts, there is rarely a meal created that does not reach across oceans to incorporate old and new world food culture onto our table.

What would chili be without the incorporation of peppers and tomatoes and cilantro? Pina colada without pineapple and coconut? All of these are New World foods. Conversely, how about a glass of wine or beer with a hearty pasta or rice dish, reminiscent of Spain or Italy, from the Old World? And could you imagine our food stores without Belgian and German chocolate brought to Europe from the Amazon, or morning coffee without beans brought to America from Ethiopia and Yemen?

Inspired by nature, we are reminded at this time of year that it is not only the changing of seasons with their colors but the food plants that remind us of the ability of plants and people to adapt to our ever-changing environments.



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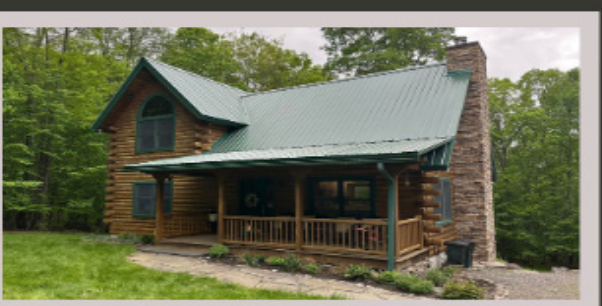
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It's the "lone star" tick, not the Lone Star tick, and it's indigenous to the eastern U.S. as well as other places. Known for alpha-gal syndrome.

By ANNEMARIE SCHUETZ

NEW YORK AND PENNSYLVANIA — Thinking there are more ticks this year than in the past? You're right.

The TickZone app, a free daily tick-risk forecast, rates Wayne and Pike counties in PA and Sullivan County in New York for tick counts—and the rest of the country too, of course.

TickZone combines CDC data at the county level for Lyme incidence and for tick surveillance; satellite land cover for each town ("Different ticks favor different ground: deer ticks live in dense forest and its leaf litter and meet people at the woods-lawn edge; dog ticks prefer open, grassy areas and trail edges; lone star ticks favor brushy edges and coastal scrub," TickZone notes); and daily weather, because temperatures in particular matter. In other words, each score is a "comprehensive hazard over the ticks that bite people here," and is out of 100 total.



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Nope, I can't top this caption, provided by the photographer to Flickr and Wikipedia: "The dog tick, Dermacentor variabilis, in its splendor of beet overtones and resistance to vilification. Found crawling on me in Beltsville," in Maryland.

Lyme disease

Wayne County has the 26th highest Lyme rate in the country. According to the CDC, the county's rate was 411 cases per 100,000, which also makes it the fourth highest of the state's 67 counties.

In Pike County, the CDC Lyme rate was 216 per 100,000, the 17th highest of Pennsylvania's 67 counties and the 121st highest in the country, said Nathan Burnett, founder of TickZone.

Deer ticks spread Lyme disease; lone star ticks (also found here) cause alpha-gal syndrome.

New York isn't a tick-free place: Back in the summer, TickZone found that the towns of Forestburgh, Highland, Lumberland, Rockland and Tusten led Sullivan County for ticks and Lyme; the CDC Lyme rate was 393 cases per 100,000 people.

That rate was the 33rd highest of the 3,122 counties in the country, said Burnett.

And now? The official disease rates haven't changed—the latest CDC data is from 2023. But realistically, things are probably better now that it's October. We've settled down at a moderate risk overall, but adult deer ticks are still out and about.

Lackawaxen Township—Not bad, not bad: 48. But the ticks are still active, so it's always wise to do a tick check after you've been outdoors amongst the greenery. (Pike County, by the way, is home to the deer tick, the dog tick, the lone star tick AND regionally the brown dog tick.)

New York

It's home to the deer tick, the lone star tick and the American dog tick.

Here too, the ticks are slowing down, but the adult deer tick at least is still active into November.

Forestburg, Highland, Lumberland, Rockland and Tusten led Sullivan County for ticks and that's still the case (consider all the forests there!). The rate is 62 out of 100 for Forestburgh, 64 in Highland, 60 in Lumberland, 53 in Rockland and 61 in Tusten.

The highest-risk towns in the state, by the way, are in Otsego and next-door-neighbor Delaware County (Hancock, Colchester and Tompkins).

So what do we take from all these numbers? The ticks aren't gone until it's reliably cold, and they'll be back as soon as things warm up.

Even if you're not thinking about ticks in your own skin, consider your animals (see sidebar, at right). Precaution doesn't hurt and it can pay dividends.



Photo by James Gathany, CDC
An adult female Asian longhorned tick, just hanging out on a plant stem.

Can't keep a good tick down: Get local

TickZone recommends focusing on local tick data for a solid rating of risk.

Picking utterly randomly—yes, sure, nothing to do with where potential tick fodder I know live:

Pennsylvania

Honesdale Borough—Oooh: 52 as of late September. "Cool air slows ticks down, but they still climb the grass to quest on days like this. A check after time outside is smart." Honesdale has deer ticks and just a tiny number of American dog ticks.

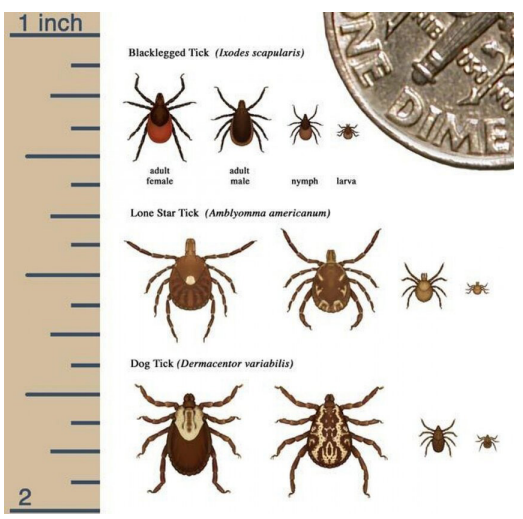


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To learn more about Lyme disease, visit www.cdc.gov/lyme/index.html.

And for pets, visit www.avma.org/resources-tools/pet-owners/petcare/lyme-disease-dogs,

www.vet.cornell.edu/animal-health-diagnostic-center/testing-laboratories/serology-immunology/lyme-disease, and

www.vet.cornell.edu/departments-centers-and-institutes/cornell-feline-health-center/health-information/feline-health-topics/lyme-disease-potential-unlikely-problem-cats.

I don't want a tick!

Who does? To learn more, visit tickzone.app/guides, ticklab.org and sullivancce.org/environment/invasive-pests/deer-tick to learn about symptoms of tick-borne illnesses, safe removal of ticks and much more.

Pets can get Lyme

Tick checks matter for your pets too. The American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) says that while animals such as dogs, cats and horses can be infected with the bacteria that causes Lyme disease (Borrelia burgdorferi), dogs are far less likely to become ill—the AVMA says the percentage is about five to 10 percent of infected dogs.

Cornell University's College of Veterinary Medicine adds the following:

"Dogs can display several forms of Lyme disease, but the most common symptoms are lameness, swollen lymph nodes, joint swelling, fatigue and loss of appetite. In addition, serious kidney complications have been associated with Lyme disease in dogs."

And for horses, it continues, "Clinical signs of Lyme disease in horses include shifting-leg lameness, generalized stiffness, hypersensitivity to touch, weight loss and poor performance. Sometimes, the bacteria can infect the central nervous system, leading to neurologic symptoms."

Cornell's Feline Health Center notes that while cats can theoretically become ill with Lyme disease, it hasn't happened outside of a laboratory setting. However, if during tick season, your cat develops fever, lethargy, diminished appetite, and apparently painful stiffness and swelling in the muscles and joints, you should call your vet immediately. "Studies in the laboratory setting show that cats that are treated promptly have a very good chance of full recovery," the Feline Health Center said.



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The well known and questionably loved deer tick

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A lithadelic sphere

By LIAM MAYO

LACKAWAXEN, PA — Turn off a quiet Lackawaxen back road onto a long driveway, follow it past its attached house through the woods and through a long clearing open to the sky, and the dirt road, worn with bumps and crevices, will bring you, ultimately, to a sole, multifaceted stone sphere.

This unique, lithadelic sculpture was created by Devin Devine, a stonemason and artist who has made a practice of drawing art up from the ground.

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Devin Devine poses with one of his lithadelic stone swirls.

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Swirling stone

Devine has been drawing since he was young. He would draw things "from science fiction and comic books and what not—like planets, Jupiter, and alien planets, as well as our own planet Gaia as seen from outer space, swirling lines of cloud cover, and under that, you have similar lines and formations geologically."

However, he did not immediately translate that talent into an artistic practice. He started working as a commercial stonemason 29 years ago, building stone walls and the like.

Some time later, "When I started my own business, I thought, 'OK, I'm going to have more time'" for artistic endeavors, he said. "That's a joke—any small-business person knows that's a joke. Before I started, I thought I'm going to have more time to dedicate to my stories and drawings, but instead, eventually, I started doing artistic stuff with my stonework."

Devine's artistic practice brings together his skills as a stonemason and his artistic interests into a style defined by swirling, varicolored patterns, a style he calls "lithadelic." The word is coined from "lithos," meaning "stone," and "delic," meaning "make visible" but, in this case, referring back to "psychedelic."

The lithadelic spheres are one of his signature types of pieces, with stone stacked on stone to create a shifting orb. Devine also does a variety of other types of stonework, including rustic benches, newly-created "ancient" ruins and cairns.

Art and craft

The making of a stone sphere starts with the gathering of the materials.

In Devine's more commercial work, he ends up with a lot of scrap stone. These scraps get set aside to be repurposed into artistic creations.

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Viewing the rocky surface of a lithadelic sphere can bring one to amazement.

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Devine insists that everything he builts can stand without mortar, even if there is mortar added for extra security, as there is with this sphere.

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Wherever the stone comes from, Devine pays attention to its origins as he puts it together into the sculpture. He uses a lot of local stone, tieing his sculptures to the geology of the region.

"I can literally point to all these and tell you where they come from," he said, gesturing at the lithadelic sphere. "The majority of the stone is bluestone from the land and bluestone left over from my job sites, burgundy stone native to me, and yellow stone is from Scranton," he said. "It's all local material, pretty much—there are [exceptions]; this is granite countertop, reclaimed bits."

The stones themselves come together into a sphere with the employment of techniques from Devine's work as a commercial stone mason. Devine builds dry stone walls—that's stone walls built by careful tacking, without the use of mortar—and the spheres are built according to the same principles. "Stones go all the way through; it's not hollow or anything like that," he said. "It's built so its own gravity will hold it together."

Some of those principles have loosened over time. "Once upon a time, I was fairly insistent and dogmatical in that," he said. "I wanted everybody to understand I could build this without mortar. In order to stay in business, and also for various [other] reasons, I have included mortar in some of them. People are paying good money for this; they want a permanent structure."

The Lackawaxen sphere is the second he's built for the same person's commission, 13 years apart. The first sphere included no mortar; while the commissioner gave him artistic free rein with both, he decided to include mortar in the more recent one because, due to its location, there was more risk that a tree would fall on it and injure it.

"Nowadays, what I've done is I insist that everything I build can stand without mortar, even if there's mortar added," he said.

Views and vantages

Being in the presence of the sphere is an exercise in subtle perception.

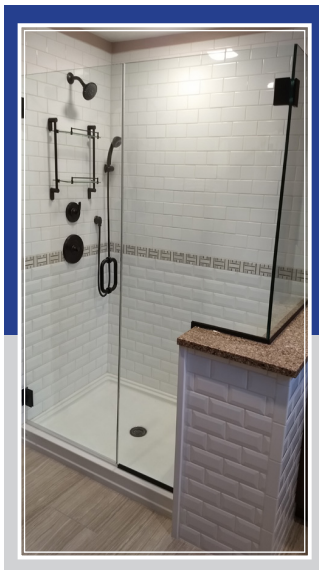
Sunlight filters through the forest to fall in patches on the sphere, highlighting the colors of the stonework or plunging them into shadow. The colors of the stonework shift as you make your way around the sculpture: one side is purple with a yellow inlay, another is blue with a purple inlay, a third is olive green with a burgundy inlay. The colors are different, too, in the wet and in the dry, making for a different viewing experience depending on the weather. There are swirling lines and little dots of sparkling stone, distinct from their surroundings, and lines that pull away into the ground, into the earth, grounding the sphere in the land from which came the rocks that give it substance.

It's a distinctive form of art, and it's one that Devine makes his own.

"I love it," he said. "This is what I do. This is what I live for, now."

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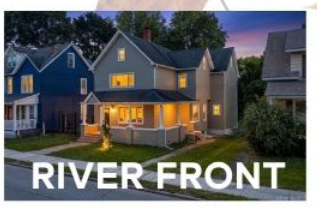


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From the archives: The art of color

By ANNEMARIE SCHUETZ

HONESDALE, PA — On a gray Saturday in September, Susan Cottle is surrounded by color, her work awash with the soft shades of the landscapes she loves. The places range from the American Southwest to the piazzas of northern Italy—a world of pinks, purples, blues and greens.

A professor at Parsons School of Design and a painter with a background in classical figurative painting, Cottle was exhibiting at The Cooperage Project for its "Across the Delaware" exhibit September 14, which offered a good opportunity to follow up with her on thoughts about color.

Why ask an artist for input in a design magazine? Well, who knows color best? Artists are trained to see the many colors within a color, and to use them "to create space or to communicate an idea or thought. It can be applied with subtlety for transition or contrast for emphasis," Cottle said. "Color can be used to communicate expression, mood, or for visual or conceptual contrast or emphasis."

We all know the scientific definition: color is the perception of light wavelengths and vary based on the way they're absorbed by the human eye. But to an artist, color is something at once completely pratical—a tool in their box—as well as something inexplicably magical.

Color has three properties: value, hue and saturation. Value is the degree of light or darkness of a color. Hue refers to the temperature: how warm or cool it is. Saturation refers to how brilliant or how dull a color is.

Artists are interested in mixing color and in its "perceptual manifestation," said Cottle—investigating how those light wavelengths meet our eyes and brains and what happens afterward.

How a color resonates in our minds and in our vision is "determined by its context—by the colors around it," she added. Two identical grays will appear to be different hues when placed on different color backgrounds. This is what theorists call the law of simultaneous contrast," she explained.

Part of the magic is that you really only need a few colors to paint the world. "We may choose to work with many colors on our palette, but we know that almost anything can be mixed using just the primary colors plus white," Cottle said.

And then there's what you can do with that palette.

Do you have a small room? The right juxtaposition of color "can create the illusion of deep or shallow space," she said. "The value, hue and saturation all influence where something seems to sit in space. For example, a bright- red stroke of paint out of the tube will appear closer than a duller or a green one."

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Try this!

A white egg is never just white. Put the egg on a red cloth next to a yellow wall and shine a direct light on it. You will be surprised at all of the hues and values you see.



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The soft yellows of Italy in Cottle's painting "Piazza Pausa."

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Former Farmstead

Two homes set on on over 23 acres of lovely land with additional land available. Features mostly open fields with some woods and tons of frontage! Big old barn plus multiple outbuildings complete the picture. Needs work, but well worth the effort. Sullivan West Schools. **$444,500**



Gated Lake Community Log

Beaver Mountain log home features country charm, privacy and gorgeous inground pool! Soaring ceilings, rustic woodwork, lots of glass, 3 BR, 2 BA including primary suite, fireplace, full finished basement, deck, firepit and covered porch. Near quaint vibrant towns. **$724,900**



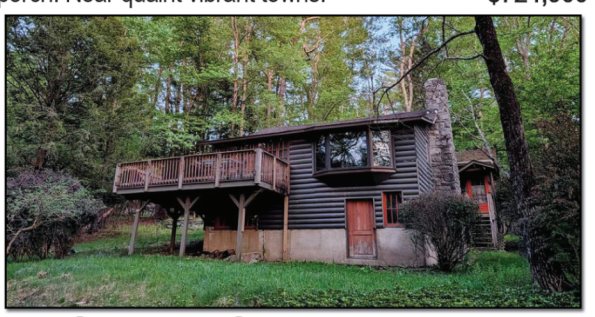
Opportunity Knocks!

Bethel 35+ acres mixed-use C-17B zoning. Barns / garages / 2 homes, pond & stream acres of lush level land perfect for many uses. Former auto mechanic & salvage yard (with transferable license). Additional 4.8 acres with NYS RT-17B access AKA "The Woodstock Way". **$944,500**



Lakefront Paradise

Cedar Contemporary offers 4 bedrooms 2 bathrooms, great room with Vermont Castings woodstove and oversized windows offering glorious lake and mountain views. Borders 100s of acres of protected state land! Black lake is 250 acres, electric motorboat. **$1,299,900**



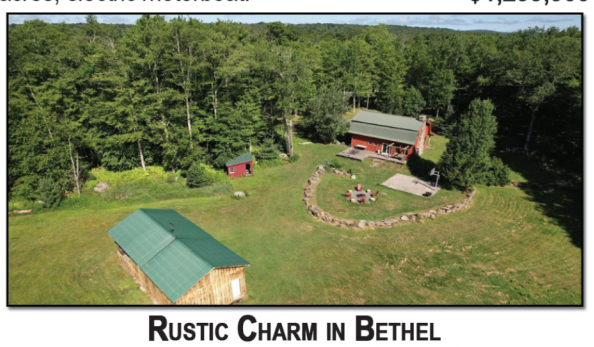
Story Book Charm - Just Reduced!

This lake community gem sits directly across from beautiful Mountain Lake in Bethel. It offers 3 bedrooms, 1.5 bahtrooms, stone fireplace, log siding, and deck with lake views. Access to beach, dock, hiking trails, sports courts, dog park and heated pool is available. **$399,900**



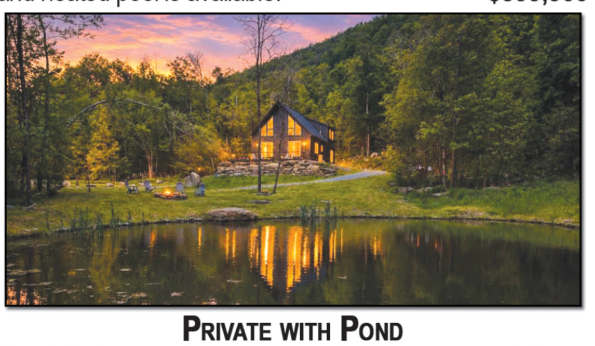
Bethel Charmer - Just Reduced!

Beautifully appointed home is within walking distance to Bethel Woods on a beautiful country road. Offers 3 BR, 3 BA, FDR, FLR, open chef's kitchen with granite counters and island, sunroom, den, deck, family room, oversized detached heated garage and much more! **$415,000**



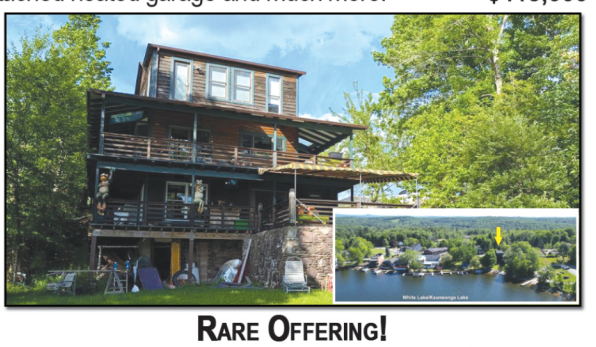
Rustic Charm in Bethel

Adorable cabin located near Bethel Woods, lakes & restaurants set on 18 private acres. Features include: great room with gorgeous fireplace, beamed cathedral ceilings, huge sleeping loft, rocking chair porch, firepit & sun deck. Large garage/barn & shed perfect for all your toys. **$699,900**



Private with Pond

Beautiful home with open floor plan, maple wood floors, island kitchen, quartz counters, a wall of windows to take in water views, primary and secondary suites with gated driveway. Walk-in closets, finished walk-out basement, massive patio and car charge station. **$795,000**



Rare Offering!

Lakefront home on Kauneonga Lake in desirable location near the boat launch, gazebo park for summer concerts and waterfront restaurants. 3 bedrooms. 2.5 Baths, wood floors and Glorious water and sunset views all year round. Only 5 minutes to Bethel Woods. **$873,000**



Bordering State Land

Amazing home on 5 acres with spring-fed swimming pond, features lake access, 5 bedrooms, 3 full and 2 half baths, 3-car attached garage and a two-car detached PLUS a studio apartment. Borders hundreds of acres of state land. Gorgeous interior! **$1,297,500**



Lake Community Chalet Move-In-Ready!

Private w/lake access! Offering 3BR, 2BA w/Main BR suite, modern KIT, tongue & groove cathedral ceilings, stone fireplace, huge screened porch & well maintained yard w/woodland view. Roof, windows, appliances 6yrs young. Near lakes, trails, dog park & Bethel Woods. **$395,000**



Amazing Potential in Bethel

Move-in ready home on 5.3± acres; frontage on White Lake Brook with municipal sewer! 2 BR, 2 BA with full basement, sunroom and large deck overlooking expansive yard and woods. Favorable Zoning, just a short walk to motorboating Kauneonga Lake & restaurants. **$435,000**

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You can paint, as Cottle does, or create torn-paper collages, as she also does. Or your canvas can be your home. Color can be on your walls, your floor, your ceiling. It can lurk in the objects you choose. In a room of soft blues, a bright spark here and there—maybe yellow or orange?—draws the eye.

As a painter on-site, Cottle would "mix color on the palette and apply the mixtures directly to the canvas. In the studio, I tend to build color by glazing—a slower process of layering translucent warm and cool colors."

Would that layering work in the home, to create something subtle and beautiful in a room? Worth trying out.

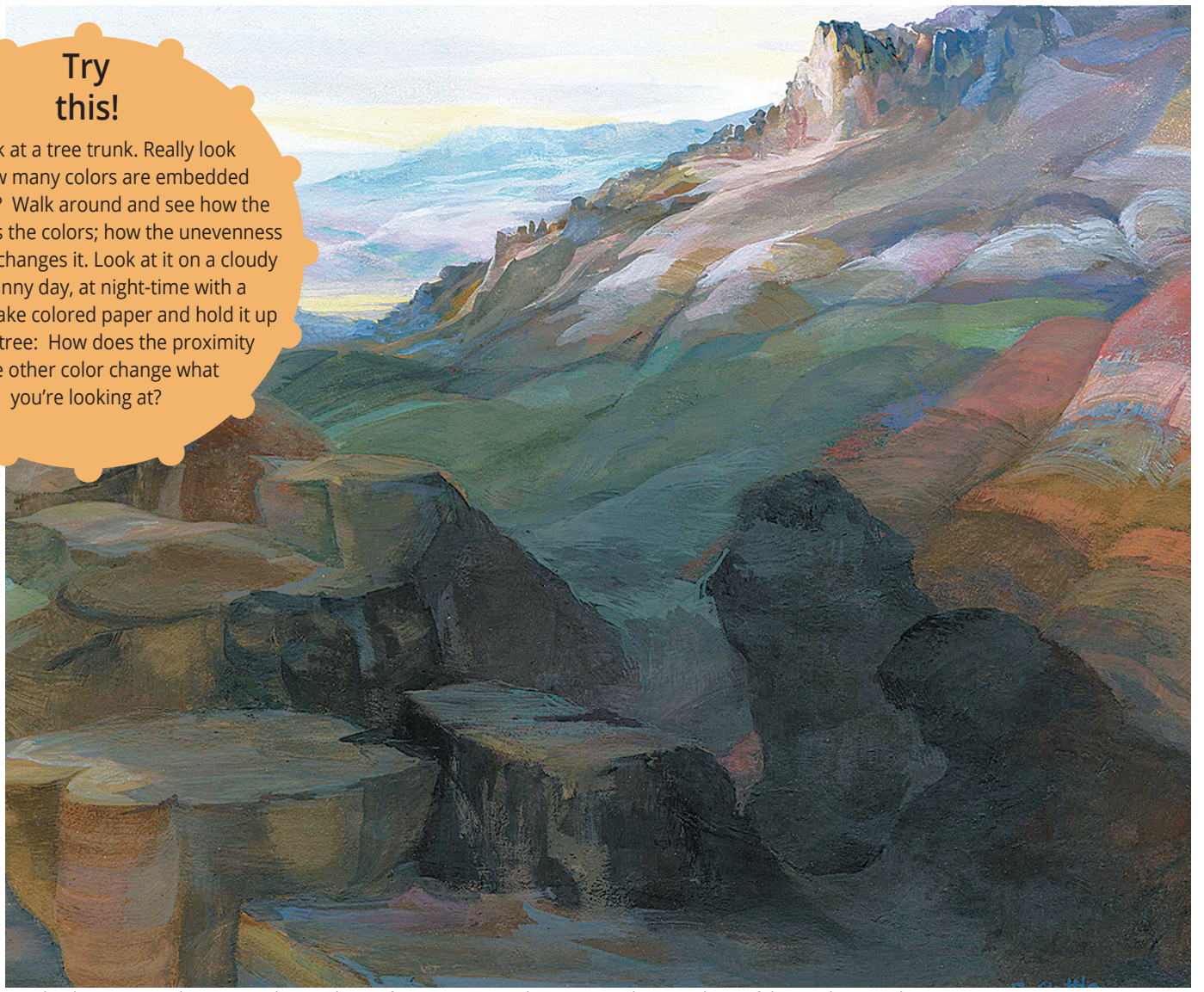
To begin thinking like an artist, "realize that no color is perceived independent of other colors." Light colors are especially reflective, Cottle said. Spend some time looking at light colors next to other colors to get a sense of how they are affected. (See the try this! boxes).

She also suggested, "For those who are intimidated by color, print a color wheel. Read a few color-theory basics and start using triads, groups of three, to assemble colors. Look at examples by the masters

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Try this!

Go look at a tree trunk. Really look at it. How many colors are embedded in "brown"? Walk around and see how the light changes the colors; how the unevenness of the bark changes it. Look at it on a cloudy day, a sunny day, at night-time with a flashlight. Take colored paper and hold it up next to a tree: How does the proximity of the other color change what you're looking at?



The desert, painted. Susan Cottle's rendition of Arizona's Painted Desert gets the many hues of the Southwest right.

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that you admire. Try to identify the basic, limited palette they work with. A good approach always is to work with a limited palette and explore variations and mixtures or those parent colors."

Don't be afraid to experiment. The best artists find their value when they color outside the lines.

"The best way to learn about color is to start using it," Cottle said. "Once you have mixed shadows using blue and orange or another complementary pair—opposites on the color wheel— you will never see a shadow as black again."

Susan Cottle's work is on display at Missing Pieces Gallery, 959 Main St. in Honesdale, PA, and on her website, https://susancottle.com/about,where you can message her, see more paintings and learn about upcoming exhibitions.

This story originally ran in fall 2019. If you want to look back at more memories from a gentler, pre-pandemic time, visit https://riverreporter.com/stories/our-country-home-fall-2019,33779.

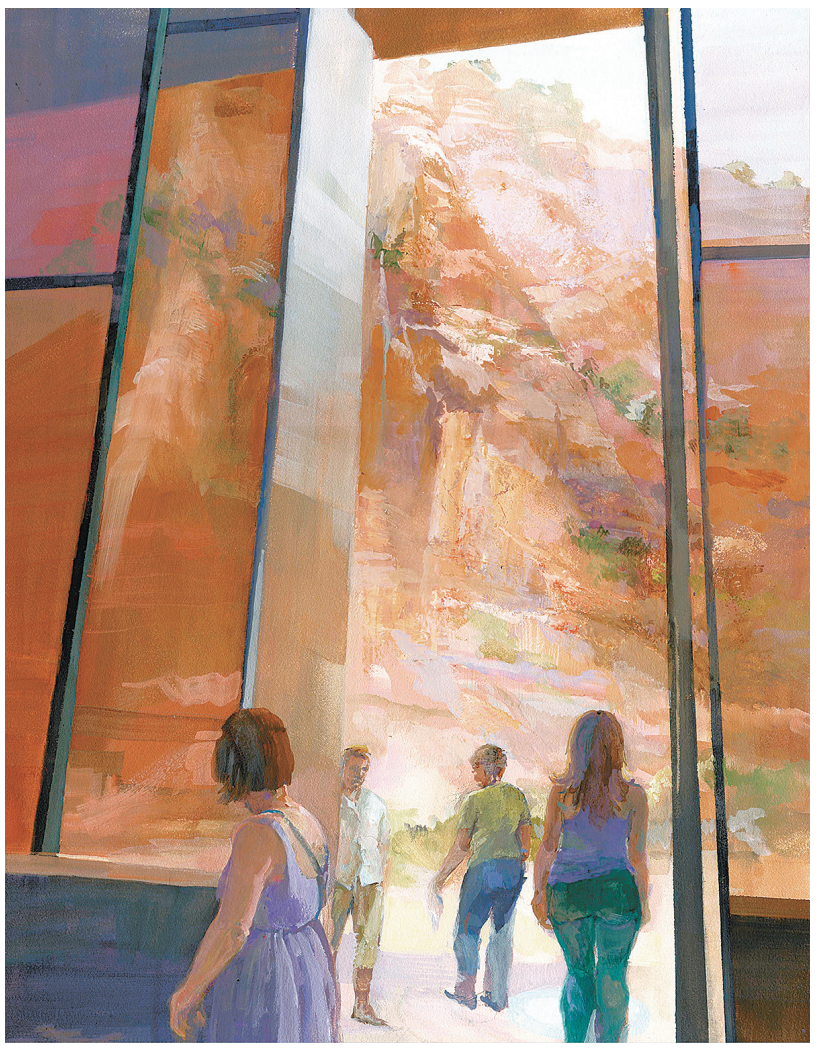
Try this!

Says Susan Cottle: "Learning about color is eye-opening. The biggest challenge is to keep the painting balanced and unified. You can achieve this through repetition of a color or form to create continuity. Start with a limited palette and create a focal point —an area of slightly more contrast— with accentuation, using a higher contrast color near lower contrast colors, or use a set of complements together. You always want details to be subordinate to the whole."



"Grandma's Gold Swivel Chair" utilizes yellows and blues.

Color use is individual, but here are a couple of broad categories. Which one appeals to you? How would you take Cottle's lessons and apply them to your home?



Visitors at a desert church and the stained glass add bright color in "Desert Chapel."

Color in the abstract

Be it Piet Mondrian, Pablo Picasso, or someone more modern, abstract art can leave you puzzling or utterly captivated. But it's never forgettable.

"Abstract art is sometimes... interpreted from something that was observed," Cottle said. "The artist might juxtapose color and make color relationships that describe, or are a reaction to, or are independent of, the thing they observed." A color can stand in for something else, she said, or can express feelings or thoughts. It can "be intuitive, exploratory, or experimental."

How would you apply that to a home? Is the orange wall just an orange wall, or does it conjure emotion or bring back a memory?

Think about the kind of feeling you want visitors and dwellers alike to experience when they walk into a room. Not something specific one can point at, like a forest or a beach, but a feeling each person has experienced. A palette of warm teals and blues with dashes of reds and oranges may not be taken directly from the beaches of your vacation (you're not painting seashell stencils on the wall) but they bring out warm, perhaps even sensual or sultry, memories in your guests.

Representational art

The representational artist uses color to identify and describe nature, said Cottle, and can start with putting those colors on canvas. "But it does not stop there. Each side of the tree is examined for variations of hue, value and saturation. There are variations in the pigmentation of the bark of the tree. The range of colors we see are influenced by time of day, weather and reflections of other members of the landscape: other trees, grass, water, sky."

"We might perceive a rock as brown when it is on a lush green grass but take that same rock to a blanket of pine needles on the forest floor and now it seems green."

With a more representational palette for a room, you might be directly trying to connect the inside of your home with its external environment. In the Upper Delaware, maybe you're adding dark river blues and forest greens, tree-bark browns and even ruddy oranges and muddy browns.

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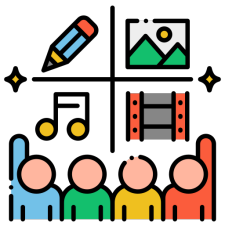
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25 TIPS to help you get ready for winter



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By BARBARA WINFIELD

Summer is over and there's a chill in the air. This is a perfect time to prepare for winter. Here is a to-do list that will keep you on track and leave you plenty of time to relax and enjoy a cup of hot cider when the first snow starts to fall.

1. Call your plumber or licensed heating contractor and have your furnace tuned up and cleaned.

2. Winterize air conditioners. Remove and store window units or fit them with a protective cover.

3. Consider replacing old or worn doors and windows with new energy-saving units. Do this before the weather gets too cold.

4. Have your chimneys and wood stoves cleaned by a professional certified chimney sweep.

5. Stock up on firewood wood or pellets.

6. Check to see if you have enough heating oil and /or propane gas for the coming months.

7. Test and change batteries in smoke alarms, thermostats and garage door remote controls.

8. Invest in small room heaters to save on fuel oil. A small heater will allow you to close off parts of the house and heat one room at a time.

9. Make sure your humidifier is up and running. Clean it on a regular basis to prevent it from becoming a breeding ground for bacteria.

10. Have your home inspected for mold, inside and out.

11. Finish up any outdoor painting projects on your list before the temperature drops.

12. Clean out the garage and sheds; do an inventory on seasonal tools.

13. Store small boats, kayaks, water sport and pool accessories in a dry place in the basement or garage.

14. Once the frost starts, drain and clean your gas-powered garden tools.

15. Shut off outside water valves to prevent exterior pipes and faucets from freezing and breaking the pipes.

16. Make sure your gutters are in good condition.

17. Using a pair of binoculars, check the condition of the roofs on your house, garage, porch and sheds.

18. Check your front and back steps to make sure they are in good condition and will not cause falls in the winter.

19. Disconnect and drain any outdoor spigots, fountains or water gardens.

20. Put up bird feeders where you can enjoy the view. Birds will become dependent on the feeder, so continue to feed them through the winter.

21. Make sure your snowblower is in working condition.

22. Plant spring-flowering bulbs.

23. Protect shrubs and susceptible plants from windburn and deer by covering them with burlap and/or netting.

24. Protect your lawn and flower beds with driveway markers.

25. Bring out the snow shovels and de-icing salt and place in an area within easy reach, ready for the first snowfall.

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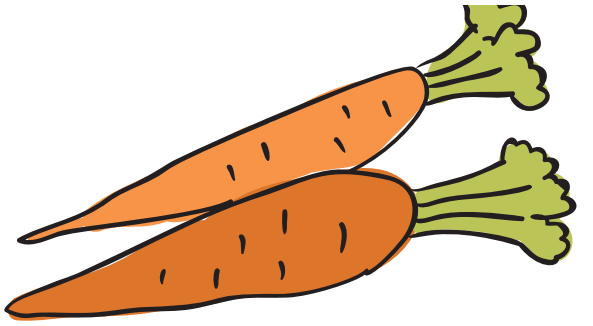
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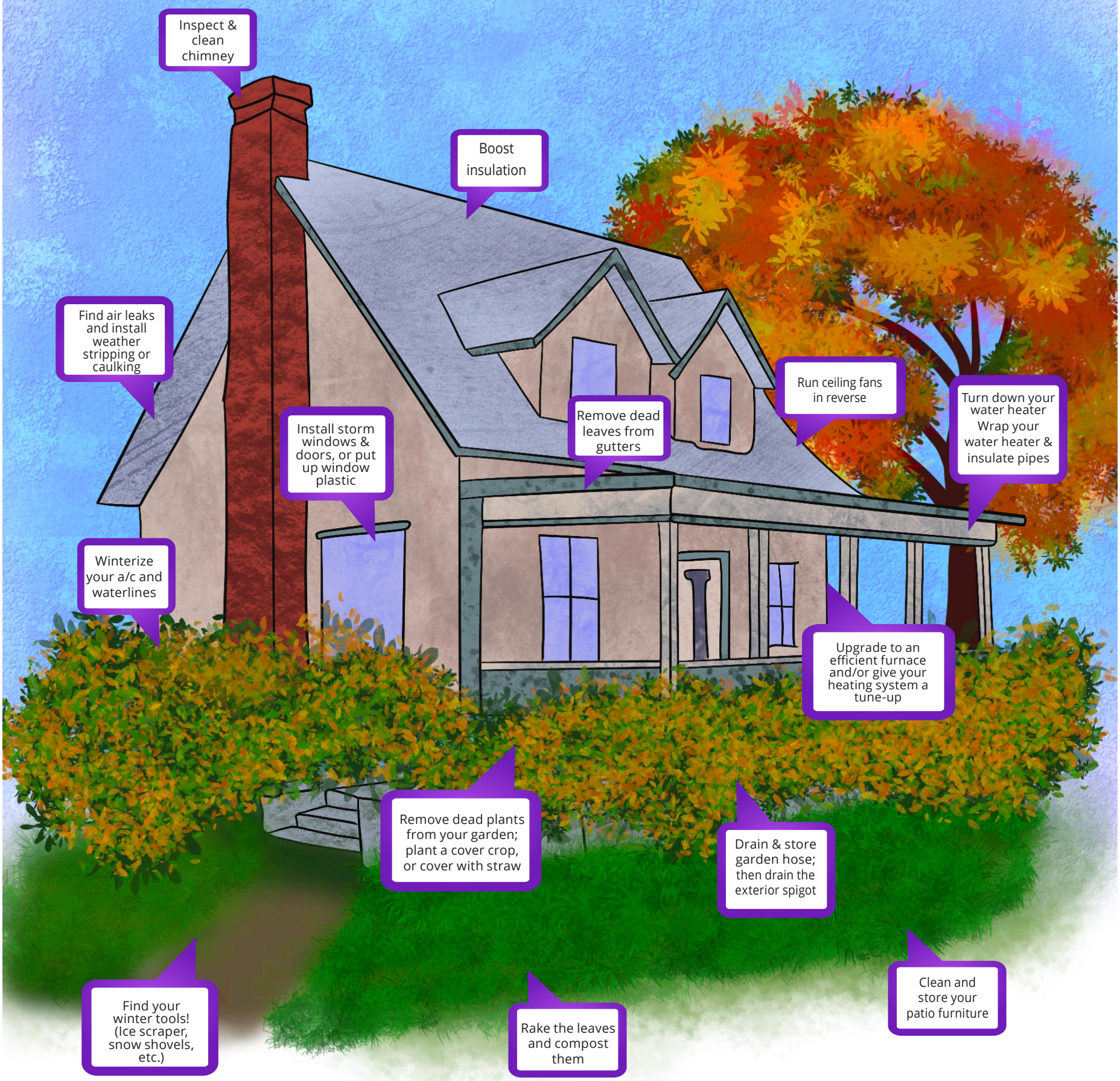
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