

Dionondehowa's 2025 Calendar of Events

- March 16** *Celebrate St. Patrick's Day and Brigit The Firekeeper with a read-a-thon! of excerpts from Irish Nationality by Alice Stopford Green*
- April 26** *Union College Ozone House Workday with Erik VandenBerg's draught horses, Josie and Jill, who will help clean up the Shunpike*
- May 10** *Annual Bird Walk guided by Rey Wells 9am - Noon (Donation)*
- June 21** *Come Celebrate Our Beloved Creek with singer Katie Bowen and Solstice Writers' Retreat 10am - 4pm*
- June 29** *Taconic Music Concert in The Muse Room 4pm*
- August 9** *Walk into Beauty stories of Wise Innocence with Lori Giammattei and Bonnie Hoag 1pm*
- August 23** *Jesse Bruchac - Abenaki workshop at the Stone Mounds 1 - 4pm*
- September 21** *Annual singing of the AHHHpera - The Rift 1 - 4pm*

Visits to the Sanctuary by appointment are welcomed; please contact us at 518.320.0502 or dionondehowa@yahoo.com
And if you are curious about Echology, Howling or The Stone Mounds please give us a call.

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Solar Panels Update

We invite our readers to visit our 2024 Newsletter at dionondehowa.org and review our concern: Norbut's industrial solar facility - planned for 138 acres - on property along the Sanctuary's western boundary. Norbut's application can be read at our Jackson Town Office. It has not yet come before our Planning Board.

We gratefully acknowledge that our Town Board has chosen to prohibit commercial battery storage facilities in Jackson and has extended the Solar Law moratorium for another six months.

CAFO News

In December, 2024, this same land, along our western boundary, was assaulted with the manure lagoon slurry dump from a local CAFO factory-farm: Contained Animal Feeding Operation - an abomination of cruelty - cows as machinery - what we've come to call a cowcentration camp.

Over the course of three days - December 18, 19, 20 - we witnessed 90 - that's 90 - manure-tankers delivering lagoon slurry into an industrial storage rolloff, from which the contents were pumped through a hose onto a hillside above wetlands, ponds, private wells, and our beloved Hedges Lake.

Given that the manure lagoon serves a CAFO we can only speculate what that slurry may contain. Our list of concerns includes Bovine Growth Hormones, Roundup, Genetically Modified

Organisms, Antibiotics, Vaccines, Biosolids, Bacteria, Bioaerosols, PFAS sludge, Emergent Fungi... and whatever else can flourish in the lagoon.

The NYS-DEC - as of 3.1.25 - has offered no help in determining how many tons were pumped onto the fields; what is the legal allowance of lagoon slurry per acre; how impacts will be measured in groundwater and air; and how often the neighbors can expect this kind of assault.

For those who share our concern we have photos and video available.

