A Message from Sandra Gerry
Founder & Chairwoman of Sullivan Renaissance

This year, 2020 was planned to be an exciting year for Sullivan Renaissance! As we entered our 20th year, we looked forward to celebrating with our hundreds of volunteers and partners who have worked so diligently on beautification and community revitalization projects for the past two decades. Many festivities were planned around our Annual Conference, the gathering of judges and the Awards Ceremony. However, with the advent of COVID-19, like so many others, Sullivan Renaissance had to rethink our plans and our anniversary year. With regret, it was necessary to cancel our planned and celebratory events.

So, back to the drawing board we went!

While we paused, we considered that this year might be the perfect opportunity to reflect on our program and check in on the more than 800 past Sullivan Renaissance projects. We were also unsure of how volunteers might come together given the uncertainty and COVID restrictions. In checking in with our volunteers and communities we were delighted that they were looking forward to spring and early summer, and the chance to get back into their communities and work outdoors in a safe way. Even if quarantined at home, people began turning more attention to their backyards and neighborhoods.

With this in mind, Sullivan Renaissance forged ahead. In response to the enthusiasm and dedication of our volunteers, we extended deadlines and offered a second round of grants. The Team established procedures that would allow us to work in the community, in smaller groups, but alongside our volunteers. We hired additional young interns, added to our horticulture crew, and leased a second truck. All of this enabled us to canvas and work more efficiently and effectively throughout the county. With the help of our Steering Committee and partners, we proceeded with grant review and funded all of our programs. Given more flexibility, the Sullivan Renaissance staff was able to adapt and do more public service work in the community while getting back to the garden themselves.

Something serendipitous happened!! One might question the purpose or importance of flowers during such a stressful and uncertain time. Yet, going back to the garden proved to be very healthy, both physically and emotionally. When we were overwhelmed, feeling hopeless and helpless, we could go into our own backyards, our own neighborhoods. The soothing touch of flowers can be healing and uplifting. This simple act of getting back to basics greatly relieved our stress while resulting in welcoming and inviting neighborhoods. This was a minuscule silver lining to COVID-19.

In retrospect it really was a productive and insightful year for Sullivan Renaissance. What did we learn from the assessment of our projects? It is impressive! Out of nearly 800 individual projects . . . 90% are active and viable; either led by community volunteers or integrated into the municipalities’ care of public spaces. While a few are in need of new volunteer efforts, only 2% appear to have gone back to nature.

This is amazing and commendable and we have only you to thank for being such good stewards of your gardens, your communities, our county and our environment!

Thank you and congratulations to our volunteers, partners, Steering Committee, our Sullivan Renaissance team and to all those who may not be involved with Sullivan Renaissance, yet participated in beautification in your own way; whether it be your home, neighborhood or business. Together we have set the stage for the continued and future growth of our county!!

With Gratitude and Appreciation,

Sandra Gerry
When we began Sullivan Renaissance 20 years ago, I don’t think any of us imagined how deeply rooted it would become; how great its impact would be; or that it would develop into a vehicle for positive change where everyone can participate. Renaissance was the seed of an idea. A seed that was planted and has been nurtured by thousands of volunteers who invest their time and a whole lot of energy to beautify and be stewards of our communities.

We learned during this pandemic something that is demonstrated time and again through volunteers. The ability to influence and make change is right here at our fingertips. Surely things happening on a national scene and a global scale are daunting and beyond our control. Although as global citizens we have a role to play; starting at home with our own communities — our own neighborhoods — our own children — is really the most secure and wise investment that we can make for our quality of life; and to ensure a future that is healthy and sustainable for the next generations.

There are many efforts to continue making Sullivan County a wonderful place to live, work and raise a family. At Sullivan Renaissance we are happy to play a part through our grant and community development programs, as well as our grassroots network of volunteers. A special note of thanks this year to our partners, especially the Gerry Foundation, for continuing to invest in our efforts to support grassroots volunteers as they work to build a beautiful Sullivan County.

A huge shout out of gratitude and pride to the Renaissance staff for being innovative, dedicated and undaunted. You are all truly amazing.

“There are always flowers for those who want to see them.”

—Henri Matisse

Denise Frangipane
Executive Director
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Growing Together through collaboration

Steering Committee

The Sullivan Renaissance Steering Committee consists of individuals with backgrounds in business, hospitality, government, education, faith, health, media, community development, and entrepreneurship. They give generously of their time and extraordinary talents to support the mission of Sullivan Renaissance to build beautiful, active communities.

The Steering Committee members offer diverse knowledge and experience that guide Sullivan Renaissance and support the staff to enhance programs, and create initiatives in response to the evolving needs and opportunities in Sullivan County. They are ambassadors who attend community events, identify and monitor projects, dig in at workdays, participate in grant review, and serve as technical advisors. The Steering Committee reinforces the positive narrative that praises Sullivan County as a place that we love to live. We applaud them for helping to keep us moving forward.

2020 Steering Committee

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Anne-Louise Scandariato, Gay Donofrio and Carmela Hugel at Rock the Block Monticello (2019); Kathy Davidoff, Jerry Skoda and Leni Binder; Ruby Gold; Klu Padu; Fred Stabbert, III presents Swant Lake with winnings; Dali Levy and Denise Frangipane; Rabbi Larry Zierler and Steve Vegliante, Town of Fallsburg Supervisor; Barry Lewis presents a historical map to Town of Mamaroneck; Arly Marin-Leon, Former Intern and Steering Committee Member; Nicole Selvin Nikolados lends a hand at Clean Sweep Monticello (2020)
Beautifying Sullivan County since 2001

Below is a comprehensive list of all organizations, volunteer groups, schools and municipalities who have contributed to building beautiful, active communities in Sullivan County through Sullivan Renaissance grant programs.

457 Equities
Action Toward Independence
Ahavas Israel
American Theological
Arc of the Mid-Hudson
Barryville Renaissance
Basha Kill Area Association
Basket Historical Society
B.A.T.S. Transitional Housing for Veterans
Bethel Business Association
Bethel First
Bethel Local Development Corp. (BLDC)
Bethel Self Storage
Bethlehem Temple Church
Boy Scout Troop 96
Boy Scout Troop 101
Boy Scout Troop 106
Brandenburg Bakery
Broadway Artists Market, Monticello
Buck Brook Alpacas, Inc.
Buck Brook Citizens
Calliope Business Association
Camp Bais Yaakov
Camp Bnei Shimon Yisroel
Camp Bnos Ahavas Israel
Camp Deer Run
Camp H.A.S.C.
Camp Jened
Camp Klausenburg
Camp Mesivta Eitz Chaim
Camp Morris
Camp Nageeta
Camp Shalva
Camp Shomria
Camp Silver Lake
Camp Simcha
Camp Skwere
Camp Tashbar
Camp Tubby
Canal Towne Emporium
Casa Di Longobardi
Catholic Daughters of America
Catskill Art Society
Catskill Brewery
Catskill Claws
Catskill Fly Fishing Center & Museum
Catskill Mountainkeeper
Catskill Regional Medical Center
Chai Villas
Chavei Sholem Anshei
Church of St. Peter, Monticello
Claryville Reformed Church
Club at Smallwood
Cochection Ambulance Corps
Cochection Center LLC/The Horses Mouth
Community Action Commission (CACHE)
Community Cottages
Concerned Citizens of Hasbrouck
Coney Island First Enterprise
Congregation Agudas Achim
Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County
County of Sullivan
Cutler’s Cottages
Daniel Pierce Library
Daytop Parksville
Daytop Swan Lake
Delaware Highland Conservancy
Davos Homeowners Association
Delaware Community Center
Delaware Valley Youth Center
D.R.E.A.M. Tank
Dynamite Youth Center
Eagle Ridge Senior Apartments
Emma C. Chase School
Eldred Central School
Emerald Corporate Center Economic Development Corp.
Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library
Evergreen Community Garden (S.A.S.D.)
4-H Hayraisers
Fallsburg Central School
Fallsburg Hills
Fallsview Estates
Farm Arts Collective
Far-Site Bungalow Colony
First Baptist Church, Monticello
First Way Life Center
First Presbyterian Church of Monticello
First Stop Barber Shop
Florida Bungalow Colony
Forestburgh Fire Department
Forestburgh Playhouse
Forestburgh Sullivan First
Fort Delaware Historical Garden
Fremont Park, Inc.
Friends of the Airport
Friends of Dillon Park
Friends of Liberty Library
George L. Cooke School
George Ross Mackenzie Elementary School
Gerards Café, LLC
Glen Spey Cemetery Association
Greater Barryville Chamber of Commerce
Green Acres Cottages
Habitat for Humanity
Hankins United Methodist Church
Harris’ Woods Homeowners Association
Hazorfilm, USA
Hebrew Congregation of Loch Sheldrake
Hebrew Day School of Sullivan County
Hector’s Inn, Inc.
Hudson River Healthcare
Hurleyville Sullivan First
Indian Lake Homes
Ichud Foundation
Ichud Hatalmidim
Islamic Cultural Center of Monticello
Janet’s Cosmic Groovy Shop
Jeffersonville Chamber of Commerce
Jeffersonville JEMS
Joseph N. Garlick Funeral Home
Kauvhas Halex
Kenoza Lake Fire Department
Kenoza Lake United Methodist Women
Khal Divrei Chaim
Lake Forest Community
Lake Huntington Fire Department
Landers’ River Trips
Landfield Avenue Synagogue
Lanzman’s Day Camp
Latinos Unidos of the Hudson Valley
Lava Fire Department
Leisure Lake Estates
Liberty A.L.I.V.E.
Liberty Bike Trail.org
Liberty Central School
Liberty Community Development Corp.
Liberty Elks Lodge #1545
Liberty Garden Club
Liberty Joint Fire District
Liberty Museum & Art Center
Liberty Presbyterian Church
Liberty Pride
Liberty United Methodist Church
Lighthouse Ministries
Light & Life Christian School
Literacy Volunteers of Sullivan County
Livingston Manor Chamber of Commerce
Livingston Manor Free Library
Livingston Manor Presbyterian Church
Livingston Manor Renaissance
Livingston Manor Rotary
Livingston Manor United Methodist Church
Loch Sheldrake Fire Department
Loch Sheldrake Renaissance
Long Eddy Fire Department
Long Eddy Post Office
Long Eddy Renaissance
Loomis Area Neighborhood Watch
Lumberland Fire Department
Luxton Lake Property Owners Assn.
Machine Gila
Mamakating Historical Society
Mamakating Library
Mamakating Little League
Mamakating Rotary
Melody Lake Homeowners Association
Menucha
Milises Cemetery Restoration Group
Monticello Area Football (MAFCO)
Monticello Central School SLE Team
Monticello Elks Club
Monticello First
Monticello High School Drivers Ed Club
Monticello Housing Authority
Monticello United Methodist Church
Moonlight Cottages
Mountain Dale Action Committee
Mountain Dale Development Corp.
Mountain Dale Main Street Beautification Committee
Mountain Lake Camps
Mt. Hope Colony
MYRCB Kachav
NACL Theatre
Nana’s House
Narrowsburg Beautification Group
Narrowsburg Chamber of Commerce
Neversink Agricultural Society, Inc.
Neversink Agricultural Society, Inc.
New Hope Community
New Munson Diner
New Salem Baptist Church
North Branch Fire Department
Ohel Boruch
Old Stone House of Hasbrouck, Inc.
Our Kids Day Camp
Our Lady of Assumption Church
Parksdale United Methodist Church
Parksdale USA
People for Equal Justice
Phillipsport Community Center
Pine Tree Bungalows
Pond Eddy Fire Department
Presidential Homeowners Association
Prohibition Distillery
Quickway Ent./Quickway Diner

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Making an Impact since 2001

2020 Grant Distribution

$111,200 Municipal Partnership, Community Development, and Neighborhood Revitalization

$45,628 Beautification

$24,763 Business Assistance

$25,715 Healthy Community Initiatives
Since 2001, Sullivan Renaissance has invested over $5 million in grants to Sullivan County organizations and municipalities. These grants have leveraged over 12 million dollars in beautification, healthy initiatives, and community development throughout Sullivan County.

During this period, Sullivan Renaissance also secured an additional $2.6 million in Federal and New York State grant funding used for downtown revitalization, municipal & community development projects, and special gateway initiatives throughout Sullivan County. 

$The 2.6 million reflects $1.8 million from Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther & former NY Senator John Bonacic, $125,000 SAM Grant from former Senator Jen Metzger, $50,000 secured through Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther for the SC International Airport improvements, $190,000 HUD Grant secured by former Congressman Maurice Hinchey for HUD for Monticello Gateway Initiatives, and $200,000 from NYSERDA for Solar Initiatives.
2020 Grant Programs

Beautification

The Beautification Program offers a range of grants based on scope of project and funding availability, from Mini Grants - a first step into beautification with simple hanging baskets or containers, to Community Beautification Grants which encompass a community-wide undertaking of gardens at multiple locations.

GARDEN GRANTS are for new beautification projects at a single location. This includes sign gardens and building landscaping, as well as projects with multiple elements provided that the project is limited to the single location.

Claryville Reformed Church 946 Claryville Rd., Claryville

Liberty United Methodist Church 170 Noth Main St., Liberty

Loch Sheldrake Fire District 1280 State Route 52, Loch Sheldrake

Ethelbert C. Crawford Library 479 Broadway, Monticello

Monticello United Methodist Church 445 Broadway, Monticello

St. John's Episcopal Church 13 St. John's St., Monticello
COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION GRANTS are for community-wide beautification projects at more than one location. Funding may be used for new projects and/or to maintain previously funded Sullivan Renaissance projects. Examples include public gardens, parks, and streetscape enhancements.

Town of Highland Renaissance Eldred and Yulan
Grateful Deadheaders Forestburgh
Narrowsburg Beautification Group Narrowsburg
Neversink Blooms Neversink
Greater Barryville Chamber of Commerce Barryville
Callicoon Business Association Callicoon
Livingston Manor Renaissance Livingston Manor
Town of Lumberland Parks & Recreation Lumberland
COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION GRANTS Continued

Phillipsport Community Center Association, Inc.
State Route 209 & Old Phillipsport Rd., Phillipsport

White Sulphur Springs Sullivan First
White Sulphur Springs

MAINTENANCE GRANTS provide limited financial, volunteer and horticultural support to maintain and/or refresh gardens at a single location that were previously funded by Sullivan Renaissance prior to 2019.

BLDC - Fireman's 911 Memorial Park
Smallwood

The Club at Smallwood
Bethel

St. James Episcopal Church
Callicoon

St. Peter's Church
Liberty

Livingston Manor United Methodist Church
Livingston Manor

Town of Fremont Veteran's Park
Fremont Center
MAINTENANCE GRANTS Continued

Church of St. Peter Monticello

Mamakating Library Wurtsboro

Youngsville Busy Beavers 4-H Youngsville
2020 Grant Programs

Business Assistance

Business Assistance Grants are reimbursable up to $2,500 for businesses to implement projects aimed primarily at improving aesthetics and enhancing curb appeal. These efforts include signage, landscaping and façade renovations.

In 2020, a total of $24,761.77 in grants were awarded to 11 Sullivan County businesses resulting in project investments totaling $112,653.88. Four businesses were returning grantees who completed project renovations over a two year period.

COVID-19 slowed down the supply chain. Some businesses had to scale back on their original improvement intentions due to the fact that supplies were backordered. Renovations took much longer than anticipated.

Peach Tree Building Monticello
On the north side of Broadway in Monticello, the 2 story, 30,000 square foot Peach Tree Office Building had a total façade remodel. The renovation will attract new tenants and help revitalize interest in repopulating the county seat.

Western Hotel Callicoon
Listed on the National Historic Register, the Western Hotel lies in the center of downtown Callicoon. Funding made it possible to repair the cracked and fading façade and repaint the historic structure to preserve its beauty for years to come.

2020 Business Assistance Grant Recipients
Ba & Me, Mountain Dale
Bethel Self Storage, Bethel
Blue Heron Park, Narrowsburg
Do-Over Real Estate, Hurleyville
Ed Abdallah Insurance, Liberty
457 Equities Monticello Corp., Monticello
Joseph N Garlick Funeral Home, Monticello
Liberty Diner, Liberty
Sullivan County BOCES, Liberty
Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association, Liberty
The Local Table & Tap, Kauneonga Lake
The Western Supper Club, Callicoon
Healthy Community Initiatives Grant Program

The Healthy Community Initiatives Program is intended to improve and promote the social, physical and environmental health and wellness of Sullivan County communities. There are two potential opportunities for funding: Project-based and Program-based grants.

It was inspiring to see many of our community members incorporate creative solutions into their projects to overcome the obstacles due to Covid-19 and quarantine.

Community Soil Shed
Callicoon, NY

The 2020 pandemic quickly exacerbated pre-existing issues around food deserts, inadequate food access and nutrition deficits in Sullivan County. To address some of the root symptoms ENGN Civic Creative Center piloted an initiative focused on community food gardening infrastructure. With support from the Healthy Community Initiatives Grant, ENGN built a Community Soil Shed, three mobile cedar box gardens and began the foundational infrastructure for community gardening in the center of Callicoon. Pictured: Avril McCullough youth helper

Standing People Together, Drama in the Woods
Remote, Sullivan West School District

‘Drama in the Woods’ was initially intended as a spring 2020 face-to-face, forest after-school program at Sullivan West Elementary School. Due to COVID-19, the program was postponed to the fall and reshaped as a distance learning model. Creating a theatre performance with elementary age children, in the forest, was always going to be a challenge. Now, what was already an innovative program became the first of its kind!

The eight-week program was based around the Australian children’s book ‘Uno’s Garden’ by Graeme Base.

14 children between 5 and 11 participated; outside, on their own or relatives properties and backyards; and were connected by Zoom to each other. Many of the participants were remote learners and this provided a much needed outlet and connection to other kids.

“Thank you so much for doing this program this year. I know this was a challenge for everyone but we appreciate it so much. And having the cost be low. Sam has looked forward to her forest school class every single week. It allowed her to get outside and I think really most importantly for us since we are doing distance learning, it allowed her to get out of her head a little and explore an imaginary place with friends. I think that’s really kept her spirits up during the start of a weird new school year. It has been great for her. We love forest school!”

2020 Healthy Community Initiative Grants
Barryville Farmers Market, Community garden support
Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County, Sullivan Fresh Rx
Emma C. Chase School, Indoor grow station support
ENGN Civic Center, LTD, Community soil stations
George L. Cooke School, Indoor grow station support
Hebrew Day School, Indoor grow station support
Homestead School, Snowshoes
Kenneth L. Rutherford School, Indoor grow station support
Liberty Elementary School, Indoor grow station support
Liberty Middle School, Indoor grow station support
Sullivan West Elementary School, Indoor grow station support and outdoor seating
SC Federation for the Homeless, Shed for food service
SC Landbank, Bailey Commons
Town of Wallkill Boys and Girls Club, Grow tables, yoga and smoothie supplies
Tri-Valley Central School, Snowshoes
United Methodist Church, Farm to Pantry
Waste for Life, Drama in the Woods
2020 Grant Programs

Municipal Partnership Grants

Municipal Partnership Grants are matching for the care of public spaces; enhanced code enforcement; and building healthy communities and environmental stewardship. Grantees also receive additional support from our horticulture staff, and in some cases, assistance from a paid summer intern.

**Town of Bethel**
Beautification of gateways and public spaces including Town Hall, Veterans’ Park and Gazebo Park

**Town of Fallsburg**
Beautification of intersection of County Road 104 and Brickman Road with flowering trees and shrubs

**Town of Liberty**
Maintenance of previously funded projects at Town Hall, Lapolt Park and Parksville Rail Trail, and beautification of Swan Lake Community Park

**Town of Mamakating**
Continued beautification of public spaces with an upgrade enhancement to the garden in front of Town Hall

**Town of Thompson**
Replace signage as part of the “Grow the Gateways” Strategic Plan, repair Rock Hill murals, and continue rebranding

**Village of Jeffersonville**
Continued beautification of public spaces including Village Hall and the Welcome Center; partnered with Jeff JEMS for care of plants and flowers
Village of Liberty
Continue its “Flower the Village” campaign to enhance the beauty of the Main Street corridor with over 60 hanging baskets.

Village of Woodridge
Plant trees and install benches at the Dove Park, refurbish the Navy plane at Kreiger Park, and care for existing gardens.

New in 2020 - Community Impact Grants

GOLD & SILVER FEATHER GRANT AWARDS
In partnership with NYS Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther and NYS Senator Jen Metzger, Sullivan Renaissance launched the Community Impact Grant Program. This new grant program provides substantial funding for transformative capital projects that incentivize public and private partnerships. The Golden Feather Grant and Silver Feather Grant were comprised of local, state and private funding. The Golden Feather Grant package totaled $400,000 and included $250,000 secured by Assemblywoman Gunther; $150,000 from Sullivan Renaissance; and a $50,000 municipal match. The Silver Feather Grant package totaled $200,000 with $125,000 secured by Senator Metzger; $75,000 from Sullivan Renaissance; and a $25,000 municipal match.

Sullivan Renaissance assembled a panel to review the six applications for their impact, readiness, and the municipality’s capacity to complete the project. The review process resulted in the Golden being awarded to The Town of Fallsburg for continued work toward completion of 13 miles of the O&W Rail Trail. The Town of Mamakating received the Silver Feather for further renovations of the Dutch Reform Church in Bloomingburg. Both projects exemplify how communities can come together to put their energy behind a single transformative project.
The 2020 class of Sullivan Renaissance interns worked to care for gardens and other public spaces in communities throughout Sullivan County. From small planter boxes and established gardens to park enhancements and Main Street revitalization, these 16 individuals were busy assisting community volunteers in making a difference in their neighborhoods.

**Sullivan Renaissance Intern Day of Service with “A Single Bite”**

The Internship Program is a partnership between Sullivan Renaissance and the Center for Workforce Development that provides paid work experiences for Sullivan County youth between the ages of 16 and 20. In addition to caring for gardens and public spaces, interns participate in weekly meetings to discuss current issues, meet with local leaders, develop leadership skills and explore career options. The 2020 Sullivan Renaissance Intern Program culminated with the Intern Day of Service at A Single Bite’s facility in Youngsville, NY.

The group was greeted by Audrey Garro, Executive Director, who discussed the story and mission of A Single Bite. Next Brian O’Gara, the head of Foster Supply Hospitality facilities, spoke to the interns about his role at the company and the importance of teamwork.

Next, broken and unneeded supplies were removed, cleaning followed, and supplies were re-organized. Interns were treated to a delicious, freshly cooked meal of stuffed peppers, roasted pork with apples and onions, and macaroni and cheese. Chef Peter Yurasits spoke about his responsibilities at A Single Bite and the importance of volunteers to the organization’s success. The program ended with interns receiving their 2020 certificates of participation. Everyone enjoyed the day!

*About A Single Bite*

A Single Bite is a non-profit organization founded by Sims and Kirsten Foster of Foster Supply Hospitality. The program engages 8th graders in a four-part immersive experience that complements the academic curriculum. It begins with two classes that introduce the concept of Real Food and Fake Foods and underlines that each of us chooses what we put in our bodies. We have control. Along with a Chef from Foster Supply Hospitality students are asked to take “a single bite” of foods that they may never have tried before including beets, halloumi, venison, squash, quinoa, kale. There is only one rule, you must take a single bite. To learn more about A Single Bite visit: www.asinglebite.org

“My experience as an intern working for Sullivan Renaissance was very eye-opening. It really showed me how much beauty is displayed in our town and how much potential each community has when people work together toward a common goal.” – Nicole Davis, 2020 Intern for Livingston Manor Renaissance

### 2020 Sullivan Renaissance Interns

- **Taylor Adler** – The Greater Barryville Chamber of Commerce
- **Brett Bagley** – Neversink Blooms
- **Mikail Baptiste** – Callicoon Business Association
- **Abigail Bizjak** – Town of Lumberland Parks and Recreation
- **Emily Carey** – Town of Fallsburg
- **Alder Cemelli** – Narrowsburg Beautification Group
- **Nicole Davis** – Livingston Manor Renaissance
- **Collin Garofolo** – Town of Rockland
- **Corrine Hellerer** – Town of Liberty
- **Natalee Herling** – Town of Highland
- **Andralyn LaGattuta** – White Sulphur Springs Sullivan First
- **Henry Marin-Leon** – Village of Jeffersonville
- **Emily McCreery** – Town of Thompson
- **Dylan Price** – Town of Bethel
- **Daniel Rush** – Town of Liberty
- **Roland Zanger** – Town of Forestburgh and Phillipsport Community Center
Why Sullivan Renaissance has Changed my Life
by Dylan Price, Sullivan Renaissance Intern for the Town of Bethel

My name is Dylan Price, I am entering my senior year at Monticello, I host a podcast called, “Ambitious with Dylan Price” organization I knew very little about. Denise Frangipane told me about the internship and encouraged me to apply. After applying and speaking to Anne-Louise, I was assigned to work in the Town of Bethel for the summer. Growing up in Monticello, all I knew about Bethel was that it was home to one of the biggest music festivals in history, Woodstock, and home to Bethel Woods. So, you now can tell, I went into this internship fairly unaware of what awaited me, and entirely oblivious of the impact this phenomenal organization would have on me.

Starting with the area I spent my summer working in, Bethel. Bethel is, as I said, rooted in it’s history. This truly shows in terms of community pride. Very quickly I learned how proud not just the town workers were of their area, but the community as a whole. A simple good weeding job would be cause for compliment from passers by. The appreciation that community has for their area is something I feel is so rare in today’s world. More often than not people are always thinking about what’s next and as Ferris Bueller said, “Life moves pretty fast. If you don’t stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it.” I am guilty of being one of those people who more often than not, misses it, but not anymore. I have found that working in Bethel and for this organization as a whole has given me a much deeper appreciation for the world around me, and for that I am thankful.

Now, every Tuesday from 2-4 the interns, led by Anne-Louise met to discuss our communities, life in general, and communication skills. Initially, I was scared of these meetings. I did not know what to expect with all these completely different people, but quickly I began to enjoy these meetings. I truly enjoyed the meetings and was rather disappointed when we all went our separate ways for the final time. Renaissance showed me that although we are all different and unique individuals, we all have some commonality. Whether it was sports, music, a favorite quote or idol, there is always a way to relate to another person. As I prepare to head to college in a year, and eventually the workforce, relating to others is something that is an essential aspect of efficient communication and something I am thankful for improving with this internship.

Those were phenomenal experiences, but the biggest thing I have drawn from this internship is having a true appreciation for the world around you. I have always thought about what’s next and to me that has always meant leaving this area. Just months before I began this internship, I remember sitting down and thinking, “What more does this area have to offer me?”. As I previously stated, I was oblivious of the hidden gems in my own backyard, but now I have seen them and grown to appreciate them. I can’t promise I will come back to my hometown, but I can promise that this has made me proud to be from Sullivan County and proud to have grown up here. Although I may live elsewhere, I know that I will never love and appreciate any area more than this place, and that’s because of Sullivan Renaissance.

To conclude, I want to thank everyone involved with this organization from top to bottom for all they do and for giving me the opportunity to speak about my experience. I want to thank the other interns for their assistance in making this summer all that it was despite the challenging circumstances surrounding it. This experience has shown me more about myself than I could ever learn from a book or a cellphone. For this all, I am forever grateful.
The Sullivan Renaissance Field Team emerged in direct response to COVID-19 that forced a pause on Sullivan County communities. The intention was to get out and about, in a safe way, to connect with the community, support volunteers and keep the beautification efforts going. The Field Team of Sullivan Renaissance Staff, the Horticulture Crew and Interns worked alongside community leaders, business owners, and volunteers.

The first stop was Monticello. Over 50 volunteers came out to help with the Clean Sweep of Broadway; from Joe’s Park to the Sullivan County Courthouse. We were joined by members of the Sullivan Renaissance Steering Committee and staff from Bethel Woods Center for the Arts as well as Pastor Seth of Restoration Church and his family; and Coach Dennis Martin with a few youth volunteers.

The group worked together to litter pluck, weed, and mulch garden beds on both sides of Broadway. Several businesses joined in the effort by lending a hand or offering water and refreshments. Most also committed to keeping the area in front of their storefronts clean. The Village of Monticello assisted with the removal of the litter and bags of garden waste.

The next stop was a hidden gem in the Village of Liberty! The Spanish Castle, aka The Yeager Estate, is located at 91 Chestnut Street, Liberty. It underwent an incredible transformation on July 8. The Sullivan County Land Bank had recently acquired the property.

The Sullivan Renaissance Field Team was joined by staff from Sullivan County Planning, the SC Land Bank, and Bethel Woods Center for the Arts. The building had many dead, dying, and overgrown trees and shrubs that hid the façade. Small invasive tree saplings, weeds, and garbage had accumulated in piles throughout the property over the years. Together we worked through the day (and rain) to uncover this beautiful historic structure.

The team pruned and removed decades of overgrown trees and shrubs, scraped the veranda, sidewalks, and paths, and removed years of debris. Schmidt’s Wholesale donated a chipper and had an operator on-site for the day to chip woody material that was replaced around the building, creating attractive mulched beds.

Inspired by the progress, neighbors and those passing by on foot or car commented on the project; some even joined the effort, while others worked in their yards. Motivated by the enthusiasm and impact, the Field Team
continued on to Clean Sweep Roscoe, the third project. Here we were joined by community volunteers, staff from M&T Bank and Sunoco, and members of the Roscoe Chamber of Commerce. Together we litter plucked, weeded, and mulched gardens throughout the hamlet. The Town of Rockland assisted with the removal of the litter and garden debris.

Next, the Field Team rounded back to Monticello for a welcomed visit to The Federation for the Homeless. The onset of COVID made it challenging for The Federation to respond to the community’s needs through contact-less service, so they applied to Sullivan Renaissance for a grant that would help them fulfill their mission. They installed a shed to serve food and distribute health products without the public having to enter the building.

In an incredible effort to brighten the entrance to the Federation for the Homeless, the Field Team painted, mulched, seeded grass, planted containers and bedded sedum and “Hens-and-chicks.” Staff, as well as volunteers at the Federation, were very grateful.

At another Field Day, Sullivan Renaissance partnered with the Eagle Conservancy and The Greater Barryville Chamber of Commerce to clean up a former garden project. The Greater Barryville Chamber of Commerce committed to maintaining the pollinator garden along Route 97 at the Eagle Observatory - one of the locations where you can snap a selfie with a “Butterfly along the Byway.” Stop by and see if you can spot an eagle or a passing by monarch butterfly!

On September 9, The Field Team partnered with volunteers in honor of the National Day of Service to refresh the landscape along Route 52 and Firehouse Road in Woodbourne.

The garden was created years ago by the Woodbourne Action Committee. The Day of Service brought together community volunteers Jim and Betty Lund, Woodbourne Firehouse members, Town of Fallsburg staff, and Boy Scout volunteers. They assisted the Renaissance Team with weeding, pruning, and edging. Two beautiful fall-themed planters were donated to brighten the Route 52 Entrance.

Clean Sweep was initiated in response to COVID-19; and became a silver lining in the 2020 season. The impact, engagement and overall enthusiasm has resulted in this becoming integrated into the Sullivan Renaissance program. Stay tuned for more!
2020 presented Sullivan Renaissance with a different way of offering events and opportunities for our participants, volunteers, and staff. We kicked the year off well with our annual Get Ready to Renaissance event in January (1). Our presenters spoke to a full house about the long term affect Sullivan Renaissance has had on the county, how our grants were leveraged for a bigger affect, and how budget and promotion tools can benefit a project (2). We also shared ideas on the WOW factor (3), planning healthy communities, and showing appreciation for volunteers. Past project interns were also invited for a networking event; and community partners were invited to share resources that would add to the success of a project.

Little did we know, we would soon be thrown for a loop … As the COVID pandemic started to affect the county as a whole, Sullivan Renaissance quickly adapted. We held staff meetings outside (4) to allow for some social interaction among team members; held grant reviews virtually and organized Clean Sweeps to mobilize community members to get outside and lend a hand in tidying their area (5-7). We worked with SUNY Sullivan Community Learning Program to host a number of online seminars including “Art in Public Spaces” a two-part series (8). Sullivan Renaissance staff also participated in the Sullivan 180 Coach to 5k Virtual Walk/Run held this summer (9).
By spring of 2020, Sullivan Renaissance experienced what everyone else on the globe experienced; uncertainty, shock and fear. This was followed by a determination to adjust and create a way to stay connected, to maintain a level of comfort brought by continuity. Mostly we found ourselves uniquely positioned to inspire hope. The hurdles that COVID bestowed on marketing included finding a way to keep our volunteer and communities engaged, helping our merchants get their message out about supply chain disturbances and a new way of shopping with them. We decided to maintain focus on the people that sustain the mission of Sullivan Renaissance through the most challenging of times: our community volunteers, interns, scholarship winners, and merchants.

Although the year brought its own set of tests, it also opened up an array of opportunity. Sullivan Renaissance dove into videography. Not only did we record and edit monthly seminar presentations, we started a collection of video how-to's that expanded our resources. A series of “Garden Minutes” is available on SullivanRenaissance.org/resources. Our 2020 Program Assistant took on an additional role of Marketing Assistant. Arly Marin-Leon brought a powerful voice to youth engagement with her video “2020 Interns,” through which the interns share their views of Sullivan Renaissance and how participating in the program enlightened their outlook on their community. This was a perspective we have been wanting to capture. Arly made this happen for us!

We took time to assess our resources; and where appropriate either updated it message or refreshed its appeal. The Renaissance Collection brochure received a companion booklet “Further Consideration”. Which offers additional suggestions for annuals, perennials, shrubs, trees, shade plants and plants for bio swale environments. In the coming year we look to consolidate the two brochures and release a new “Renaissance Collection”.

We partnered with Bethel Woods Center for the Arts, to launch a community initiative titled Growing Hope. Growing Hope was a project in which flower growing kits and art supplies were made available to school students who were at home due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

### Facebook Reach

- **Jul 1, 2020**
  - Thank you Bethel Woods Cent-
  - Reach: 8,6K
- **Jul 8, 2020**
  - Watch for Sullivan Renaissance...
  - Reach: 7,5K
- **Nov 30, 2020**
  - Meet Maggie Russell 2020 S-
  - Reach: 4,8K
- **Apr 28, 2020**
  - Lucas, a fifth grader Tri-Valley...
  - Reach: 4,9K

### Instagram Reach

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Roswell Hamrick
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SUNY Sullivan Community Learning Program
Eleanor Davis
Hillary Morse

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Liberty United Methodist Church, Liberty
Loch Sheldrake Fire District, Loch Sheldrake
Monticello United Methodist Church, Monticello
St. John’s Episcopal Church, Monticello

(10) Community Beautification Grants - $2,500 each
$250 Flower Dollars, $125 Bulb Dollars
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Village of Liberty

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Do-Over Real Estate, Hurleyville
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