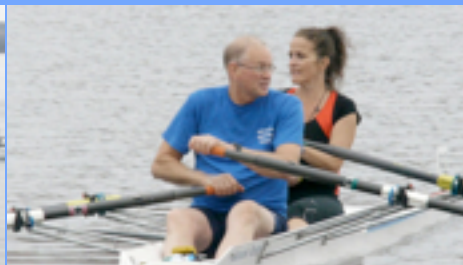


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The Mid-Hudson Rowing Association Newsletter

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**Don't Forget! MHRA Annual Meeting at
Poughkeepsie Yacht Club, December 1, 5:00 PM**

Have a happy and safe Holiday Season !

Reflections Renewed: Hudson River Images Revisited A Boscobel exhibition and lecture curated by Alex Boyle

By Linda Rapp



Boscobel House

It took about three minutes inside the Boscobel gallery's new exhibit, "Reflections Renewed: Hudson River Images Revisited", talking with the curator Alex Boyle, to know that Hudson River rowers must see this. On Saturday November 10th, 10AM, I attended the first of two talks presented by Alex Boyle at Boscobel's gallery. I heard of it through the "My Valley" section of the Sunday October 28th edition of the Poughkeepsie Journal, which featured an article about the upcoming exhibit which will run through the end of December, free of charge.

For those who have not been to Boscobel in Garrison NY, you have a treat waiting for you. Besides being the summer home of the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival (another must-see), the home and grounds are open year-round as a preserved piece of Hudson River Valley history, having hiking trails and a spectacular southward of the Hudson River and West Point.

The current 40-piece exhibition features 20 side-by-side views of 19th century Hudson River School paintings, exclusively from Hudson River vantage points, ranging from Hoboken to Staatsburg, paired with Alex Boyle's photographs from the same present-day sites. Boyle's talk, a lively and engaging walking tour of each painting/ photograph pair in the one-room gallery, includes an historical perspective as well as his own challenges finding the modern vantage points.

I got there early, about 9, early enough to stand on Boscobel's lawn before the talk, looking south over a sunny-misty-50 degree, glassy river morning, thinking what a great row it would be. Turning back to the gallery, I was the first



Esopus Lighthouse

arrival, having the chance to look around, then introduce myself to Boyle when he arrived. I mentioned that I belonged to MHRA, and that I was sure other rowers would appreciate this exhibit. That's when the connections started. He too was a rower, in college. A few others arrived for the talk, so we went around the room from painting to painting. The last painting/photograph pair turned out to be a view of the Esopus lighthouse... from the Mills Mansion boathouse. Something the average tourist would not get to see. But MHRA rowers would. After the talk, I asked which college he rowed for. Trinity College...yes, that Trinity College. He would very much like to meet those who, in his words, 'actually row on the Hudson', at the second and last talk scheduled for Saturday morning

December 29th, 10AM, at the Boscobel gallery.

Life has a way of throwing serendipity into our path. If you need a break from holiday festivities, and need some down time looking at our river through the centuries, go down to Boscobel's gallery and join fellow rower and Hudson River enthusiast Alex Boyle for his Saturday December 29th 10AM look at his 'then-and-now' portraits of Hudson River School landscapes. Then have a look at the real Hudson from the lawn on your way out and think....April's coming.....

Big Boathouse Cleanup

Rowing Community Comes Together

On Saturday, November 17, Hudson River Rowing Association was joined by all the tenants at the HRRR boathouse for the big cleanup needed after the flood waters resulting from the surge caused by Hurricane Sandy. Twenty members from Mid-Hudson joined the nearly 150 who showed up to prove that rowing is about teamwork whether on or off the water. In a little over 3 hours each of the bays were emptied, power-washed and everything put back where it belonged. The lobby and bathrooms were power-washed and cleaned up as well. Many hands worked to move the indoor rowing tanks back where they belonged and cleanup the foam insulation which belongs under the tanks.



MHRA did not sustain any losses in the flooding thanks to the many hands who worked morning and evening Sunday, October 28, to prepare Bays 6 and 1 for the expected storm surge.

John Mylod Honored Presented with a 2012 Advocate Award

John Mylod has been honored by the Environmental Advocates of New York with a 2012 Advocate Award. The award was presented to John on November 13 at a ceremony at the Metropolitan Club in New York City.

John was recognized for his years of dedication to the Hudson River Valley's environment and quality of life. We know him as a commercial fisherman and past president of Mid-Hudson Rowing Association. He has also served as director Hudson River Sloop Clearwater for 18 years and is currently the president of Springside Landscape Restoration which runs the Springside National Historic Landmark in Poughkeepsie.

John is a recipient of the Randy Harwood Memorial Service Award for his tireless service to MHRA. Of course, he continues to provide his launch and leadership for the Mills Mansion Row and our moonlight rows. Most especially, his advice and experience is always a valuable asset whenever we find ourselves, metaphorically, "rowing in rough water."

Congratulations to John for this recognition of his efforts as the environmental conscience for all those enjoying recreational use of the Hudson River and our beautiful valley.



John Mylod

(Photo by Augusto F. Menenzes)

ToF and HoF Wind-up a Great Season



HoF Mixed Eight

Mixed Masters Eights Race

Mid-Hudson entered mixed masters crews in both the Tail of the Fish and the Head of the Fish this year to cap a great season that saw many new faces and remarkable turn-outs for regular club rowing and coached sculling.

Both races were rowed with a high level of enthusiasm and earned some new fans for the excitement of participating in a regatta. The ToF crew came in second in a field of four rowing the course in 13' 51.66". The HoF crew had more competition and came in 7th or 8th (one boat that placed may have been in the wrong race) and rowed the course in 14' 29.24" against a moderate headwind and head current. The real results could be read more accurately in the smiling faces of the crew members after the race.



Recycle Your Cell Phones and Help MHRA

You can help Mid-Hudson raise money by recycling your old cell phones. If you are coming to the Annual Meeting bring along that old phone taking up room in your sock drawer. Dotty Martinez would like to make one last collection for the year.

If you forget or can't come, put unwanted cell phones aside and bring them to the boathouse next time you come.

Jacket Order Planned

Minimum of 6 needed

Linda Rapp is hoping to find six people interested in buying one of the Mid-Hudson jackets. We need to order a minimum of 6 jackets. If you'd like one, the two versions shown on our website's Merchandise page are available:

<http://www.midhudsonrowing.org/shopping.html>

Going to the Annual Meeting? Candy and Bill Davies will have their jackets with them this Saturday Dec 1st, so you can get a close-up look at them.

The costs are as follows:

- 2 Color Gore-tex Stevenson Weather shirt: \$175
- 2 Color Wind stopper Stevenson (water resistant): \$110
- For each jacket add \$7 for the club logo and \$1.50 for shipping.



Water proof Goretex: \$175

- You can have your name sewn on either jacket for another \$5.

If you would like to order one, please contact Linda Rapp at rapp@optonline.net by the end of December. She will send you a note confirming whether or not we have a minimum order of 6, and requesting all other information needed to place the order (size, sewn name, how and when to write the check, etc).

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