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GUNKS CLIMBERS' COALITION END-OF-CLIMBING-SEASON SOIRÉE

The Gunks Climbers' Coalition invites climbers, hikers, and nature lovers to a gala event, celebrating the acquisition of an area of large boulders amid deep, wooded beauty and valley light in Rosendale.

This land, the Rosendale Waterworks Bouldering Project, is as world class a location as the Trapps Cliff on the Shawangunk Ridge is to traditional climbing. It's intended as a place where everyone, climbers and non-climbers, can enjoy the beauty and serenity of our landscape, in perpetuity.

The event on Saturday, November 7 at 6:30pm at the Mohonk Preserve Visitor Center, 3197 Route 44/55, Gardiner, NY, is built around great conversation, fabulous food and wine, and live entertainment. There will be stations of substantial hot and cold local food throughout the Visitor's Center, catered by The Main Course. Wine will be provided by Yancey and Michael Migliore's award-winning Whitecliff Vineyard and Jen Redmond, Upstate Sales Manager at Organic Vintages.

The evening's entertainment will be a poetry slam/spoken word performance by two of the Vulgarians, a controversial group of climbers dating back to the 60's with a notorious reputation for wild stunts on the cliffs. The Vulgarians were and still are egalitarians - egalitarians with a grubby grumpy edge who had a lot of fun and have made a commitment to keep it up. Their stated and enacted mission was to provide a safe haven for all, and any fraternity or sorority rejects in particular - although one could also be welcome if one had such affiliations - to earn membership one merely had to be able to survive in the environment. If you kept coming back to the cliff, you were one of them.

Featured artists include Claude Suhl, Beatnik poet and soul of the Vulgarians, and Burt Angrist, storyteller, prankster, and funny man.

The event is \$75.00 per person. Reservations are required; black tie is optional. Proceeds will initiate fundraising efforts to cover costs associated with the purchase and maintenance of the Rosendale Waterworks Bouldering Project. Space is limited. Please RSVP with your payment by October 22 through our website donations page at gunksclimbers.org. Telephone contact: 845 613 0683.

The Gunks Climbers' Coalition is a non-profit 501 (c) 3 organization.

The Gunks Climbers' Coalition, established in the fall of 2002, is an advocacy group dedicated to creating and maintaining sustainable opportunities for responsible climbing along the Shawangunk Ridge and surrounding areas. For further information: gcc@gunksclimbers.org