



GUIDELINES



President's Message

By Capt. Tim Hallock

Hello members! I report to you fresh from our Winter Rendezvous in Malta where the Rendezvous Committee hosted a truly memorable gathering. Along with the NYSOGA instructed courses in First Aid, CPR, and Water Safety for Guides, the Guide License Prep. course was well attended and many sat for their guide exams, and the Joint Pilot's and Engineer's License.

The annual meeting was held and attended by several new members, as was the Saturday evening banquet. The highlights of the banquet, in my opinion, must be the time honored offering of prayer and grace led by Don Williams, and the much anticipated quilt raffle, the prize lovingly created by Mary Tryon. This year, we were also treated to the addition of a beautiful afghan, knitted for us by Ali Turner

At the meeting, a moment of silence was observed for our departed brothers Don Hawkins, Walt Boname, and Pat Sisti

And yet there was much rejoicing as, from out of the hills emerged none other than Joe Hackett, and a hobbled, but still smiling, Wayne Failing. As if we needed to be reminded, with our tremendous loss, there is still much to be thankful for.

We had participation of new members and newly elected board members as we attended to the issues of our many committees at the Board of Directors meeting to close out the Rendezvous on Sunday, March 24.

Among the major issues at hand: finalizing recommendations



Tim Hallock

and input with regard to the state guides licensing program, revising our service agreement to manage membership procedures and databases, NYSOGA's web presence,

Guidelines going electronic except for requested hard copies and Summer Rendezvous plans.

At Malta, we had excellent product sales of t-shirts, hats, patches, and more, which are now on-line on our web-site!

Our summer Rendezvous, traditionally held around the last weekend in July, will be held in the Herkimer area this summer, the details of which have been posted in our April e-news letter, here and on our website.

I'm hoping that any who are able will join in the summer fun, as it is a great opportunity to meet new friends and renew old friendships over a campfire with great food and company. For new members, come chat with us about your dreams for your adventures in guiding, and hear some great trail stories from some long time pro guides.

Our trail maintenance crew has scheduled the first walk through inspection hike for Saturday, April 20 this year.

Personally, I look forward to getting out on our 4 mile section of the NPT each spring, sharing the trail with the 'trail gang,' and seeing what the winter has left for us to clean up.

By all accounts, the NYSOGA booth display at the circuit of sport shows and expos this past winter was well visited by event attendees. We now post a schedule of the shows and expos at which we participate as exhibitors on our website. We are always looking for new ways to maximize our presence at these shows, and to connect attendees with our website and guide services. Input from membership is welcome! If you have an idea, the show committee would like to hear it! As I serve on this committee, I would be

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NYSOGA Kids to Camp Program Renamed for Bonome, M. Tryon

by Craig Tryon

During the March 24th Board of Directors meeting, it was decided to rename our "Kids to Camp Program" to honor the people who have helped make this program successful in the past and for generations to come. It was an overwhelming decision to change the name to the "Walter Boname/ Mary Tryon Kids to Camp Program." The Board wanted to honor Walter for his desire to educate our youth about the diverse environment we have in NYS. Upon his untimely death, his Memorial Fund donations to our Kids to Camp program provided funding to

send youth to camp for years to come.

For the past 10 years, Mary Tryon has donated her time and talent to hand sew an outdoor themed, queen sized quilt to be raffled to provide funding for the this Camp Program. NYSOGA wanted to honor Walter and Mary with this name change. **Ed note – Craig kept track and reported that Mary spent around 120 hours preparing this year's quilt.**

To look over the details of the DEC Environmental Education Summer Camp Program and see a full explanation of the experience each camper will get, use the following computer



Mary's label on the quilt's reverse side.

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happy to receive any ideas and take them to committee, so don't be bashful!

I would like to close with just a note regarding some changes in our Board of Directors. Firstly, I would like to Welcome Ann Twilley, a long time NYSOGAN, back to the board where Ann's experience and wisdom will be invaluable.

And, I'd like to also welcome new comers (to the Board) Bill Swiac, and Peter Siskavich, both of whom have already made their contributions felt by those of us who appreciate their fresh input and energy.

Thank you Ann, Bill, and Peter, for your service to NYSOGA.

As always, I stand by to represent and support our membership in any way I am able and I therefore encourage communication if any questions, ideas, or issues should arise.

Have a great summer all!

Your President,

Capt. Tim "Yeti" Hallock

Guidelines sometimes receives submissions that express strong personal opinions. For the most part, these will be printed and someone disagreeing is welcome to send a different viewpoint for the next issue. Opinions expressed are not necessarily the position of Guidelines or NYSOGA and we reserve the right to condense submissions so they fit available space.

- Alan Woodruff, Editor

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Outdoor writer Dan Ladd presented a seminar on publicity.



President Tim used the Camp Spoon to rap the annual meeting to order.



Sonny and Katherine Somelofski won the 2013 Mary Tryon quilt. Mary is standing between them.

NYSOGA Kids to Camp

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link : www.dec.ny.gov. On the left side, click on "Education" and then click on Environmental Education Camps for Kids 11-17.

I want to let you know the campers NYSOGA is sponsoring for 2013:-

Andrew Horstman is from Elbridge, NY. He is a freshman in high school and a Life Rank Boy Scout. He is very interested in environmental issues and plans a college course and a career in the Environmental Sciences field. Andrew is currently participating in the "Frog Watch Program" through the National Association of Zoos and Aquariums. He is attending Pack Forest Camp Week 3.

Jillian Johnson is from Rome, NY. Jillian lost her Dad last year

and is looking forward to attending camp this summer. She is eager to learn about the vast environment and problems facing it here in NYS. She hopes to make new friends with the same interests at camp. Jillian is going to Camp Colby Week 2.

Douglas Godin is from Albany, NY. Douglas wants to learn all he can about the environment in NYS. He is an avid fisherman and wants to explore wildlife and the outdoors. Douglas is looking forward to his first camping experience. He is very eager to attend Pact Forest Camp during Week 6.

"Thank You" for your interest and support to make our **Walter Boname/Mary Tryon Kids to Camp Program** the success it is.

Craig L. Tryon,
Committee Chairperson

Membership Report

By Lee Godin

Hello fellow outdoors persons.

It was great seeing many of you at our very successful Winter Rendezvous. I encourage you all to try and attend next year's event. It is a very good way to network with your fellow guides and a great time is always had.

As some of you know, an ice fishing trip in March resulted in a broken arm for me.

I apologize if you have not received your renewal packet or if your web updates are not complete. I have just recently been able to start NYSOGA work again and hope to be caught up soon.

The following are our member numbers as of 4/11/2013:

- 11 Pending
- 17 Life
- 96 Active renewed for 2013
- 25 Active not yet renewed
- 10 Associate renewed for 2013
- 5 Associate not yet renewed

0 Sponsors
12 Honorary
Total 176

New Members:

Shawn Reed runs **Rivers Edge Anglers** from Margaretville, NY.

He offers fishing in Regions 4 and 6 for trophy salmon and trout on the Pepacton Reservoir and Lake Ontario tributaries. He also offers ice fishing in the winter months. Shawn can be reached at (845) 901-6318 or email at riversedgeanglers@gmail.com.

Adirondack Wilderness Guide Service is run by Kyle Lang from Ticonderoga, NY.

He offers lake and river fishing, canoe & kayak trips, summer camping and backpacking, snowshoeing, nature and photography trips and outdoor education. Kyle can be reached at (518) 503-5373 or email adkwilderness@gmail.com.

Don Muccilli's **Copper Don's Guide Service** operates from the Copper Kettle Motel in Windham, NY. Don offers fly fishing as well as grouse, pheasant and turkey hunting.

Contact Don at (518) 795-4009 or don@copperkettlecottages.com

Allwater Guide Service in Gloversville is operated by Stephen George. He offers fly fishing and lake and river fishing in Regions 4 and 5. He also offers Region 5 charter boat and ice fishing. His number is (518) 527-6175 and his email is northcountryeco@gmail.com

We have several more new members and they will be featured in our next issue of Guidelines.

As always, please contact me if you need anything. (518) 542-2709 or go_lee3@yahoo.com.

Everyone have a safe and successful spring and summer season.

Lee



REGION 1

By Capt. Tim "Yeti" Hallock

Having recently returned from our Winter Rendezvous in Malta, I was fortunate enough to catch up to Barney Mundy who, as many of you will recall, held down the Region 1 Directorship for many years. I believe it was at a Margaretville Rendezvous that I was handed the torch by Barney with some words of wisdom as I stepped in.

Many other NYSOGANS were in attendance in Malta, of course. (see President's Message)



Tim Hallock

Here on the Island, there have been successful efforts to secure funding to attend to the needs of some of the national and other parks such as Gateway Park, in Jamaica/Brooklyn after the damage caused by storm Sandy last fall.

Many marinas, other businesses located on the south coast of the Island, and over to Jersey are still rebuilding, and, in some cases still waiting for funding assistance. The same is true of residences.

I recently delivered a 51' Sportfish yacht from Sayville, through Fire Island Inlet and around Montauk. There were at least 3 large dredging operations ongoing, inside the bay and Captree and lots of new shoaling and necessary updates to the charts after Sandy and the winter. The inlet channel now swings out to the west around a new sand island that now sits where the original deep water channel once was back in the day.

In other news, the Orient Pt. trail is still fenced off at its eastern terminus after Sandy and I suspect they will be bringing more fill in at some point. They have been bringing in fill once again 15 miles to the west at the

Southold Town Beach on the sound, an almost annual project now.

As far as I have been able to gather, the fishing has been moderate to good with all species through this past early winter. The bottom fish,

flounder and fluke, have been O.K., but the stripped bass continues to be the staple for the locals. Bass is usually best in late summer and into fall with the moon tides in the deep water passes of Plum Gut, and the Race.

The scallop season last fall - short but somewhat productive - still lured fishermen away from regular jobs, etc. for a week or two, and is always talked about out east to here.

As is now the norm, the deer are here for the taking on the east end. Dwindling habitat, and more vehicles, along with long hunting seasons may be keeping numbers in check but I don't think we're looking at an endangered species locally any time soon!

I will close with just a reminder for anyone interested in a salt water fishing outing this summer. Please consider one of the many boats that run trips from the Great South Bay area on up to Freeport nearer the city, as many of the fine operations in the area will appreciate your business in their rebuilding efforts.

Also, please review your info on the free listing on our www.nysoga.com, and make sure ALL is correct! We have discovered a number of problems associated with incorrect information and even spelling lately.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions, issues, or ideas you may have, as I stand by to represent you as Region 1 Director.

REGION 3

By William Swiac

First off, thanks to NYSOGA for having the faith in me to represent Region 3. I welcome the challenge my position presents. Looking forward, I hope to work with all the guides in the region as well as throughout the state. That being said, please contact me about any interests or concerns you as Guides



William Swiac

might have.

As winter's icy grip slips on the Catskills and the rest of the region, many of us are scrambling to get ready for the multiple recreational outdoor activities the near future holds.

Trout season kicked off April 1st and, as usual, a slow start is expected till the waters rise to more seasonable temps. As for turkey season, we might find that the extended cold weather keeps the gobblers talking into the second or even third week of May. Let's keep our fingers crossed.

Striped Bass will kick off in late April and there ought to be good numbers of fish throughout the Lower Hudson. We will have

to wait and see what the bait situation will look like since the new herring regulations have been instituted. Herring have already come up as far as Kingston.

Many of our trails in the area have little or no snow left and it's a great time of year to hike the tall peaks of the Catskills since there are no leaves on the trees yet and we'll have un-obscured views for now. As for climbing the Gunks, look for warmer, dry days for the best rock conditions. I hope to add more information to future climbing reports and look for Climbing Guides to reach out to me so that I can represent you more thoroughly. Thanks again.

REGION 4

By Bruce Fuller

We did not have much of a winter in most areas of the Region and this should be good news for the wildlife in the area. This will be another year with few issues involving winter related deaths so wildlife that are usually at risk should be in good shape. Less snow certainly hurt winter sporting opportunities but will also mean less flooding if the spring thaw ever becomes a reality.



Bruce Fuller

As I write this at the end of March, I still have cold weather and a fair amount of snow. Don't know what happened to the lamb.

Now looking forward to the trout and turkey seasons. With spring's late arrival it might look somewhat like years gone by when snow on the ground was common for the beginning of trout season. Since the snow cover is not heavy, any warming trends should still leave the streams and rivers fishable. Heard my first turkey gobble on January 12 as I opened my front door to get firewood from the porch. Up an old farm road I have on the property across from my home was a flock of turkeys with three mature gobblers all in full strut. You may occasionally hear a gobble at any time of year but this was the earliest that I

have witnessed signs that it was connected to the spring mating ritual. Not sure if it carries any meaning or was just one of the crazy things Mother Nature throws at us to keep us off balance and wondering. The New York City Reservoirs, in my area of the Catskills and elsewhere, have continued to expand outdoor opportunities on their properties. There is also a new trial program on the Cannonsville Reservoir that will allow rowboats registered for fishing to use electric motors. There are some restrictions and requirements so be certain to view their regulations before venturing out on the water.

Wishing everyone a healthy, prosperous, and enjoyable Spring. Hope the Black Flies are not too bad.

REGION 5

By *Sheila Young*

Is it Spring where you are? It sure isn't in the northern parts of Region 5! Today is April 5, and it is snowing and blowing. Fishing season is open, but only on big water like Lake Champlain and open areas of rivers and streams. I look out on Saranac Lake's Lake Colby daily, and it is sealed tight with ice. But the deer are certainly moving.



Sheila Young

Our friend Wayne Failing, still a member of the Board of Directors, is taking this year off to attend to some business. So I am covering as Region 5 Director until he is ready to resume his Region 5 position.

I have been looking at DEC's numbers for Region 5...we have the most guides of any region in the State...but not enough NYSOGA members. If you have any ideas or comments about how to increase membership, I would love to hear from you. In any event, I would like to hear from you about anything. My email address is adkfoothill@yahoo.com.

REGION 6

By *John Wainwright*

Well, it's been a great winter for ice fishing unlike last year when safe ice was hard to find. I guided several very successful lake trout trips on Otsego Lake in Region 4. The lakers were feeding in shallow water due to a die off of the alewife population. We usually fish in 100 to 160 feet of water, ten feet off the bottom. This year we fished in 15 to 40 feet of water. Lakers were eating anything they could find including bullhead which I assume are not a preferred food for them. I also heard very good reports from Oneida Lake for walleye and perch. Good catches of steelhead and browns were common on the Oswego River below the dam all winter.



John Wainwright

As I'm writing this on April 5, it looks like spring is finally breaking through the cold weather of late winter. With temperatures expected to be in the 60s all next week local streams should start warming with Adirondack lakes and ponds showing signs of ice out. Last week, even though water temps were in the high 30s to low 40s, stone flies were hatching on the West Canada.

Interesting that though redwing blackbirds, robins and turkey vultures have returned to Central NY, a few of the little Common Redpolls that have visited my feeders all winter and usually have left for their arctic breeding grounds by now, are not convinced that winter is truly over. I hope they are wrong.

I was again happy to have been re-elected to be your Region 6 NYSOGA representative and look forward to representing you on the BOD in 2013. Please let me know of any issues or suggestions that you might have to improve NYSOGA or to help your business.

REGION 7

By *Craig Tryon*

The old adage "What Goes Around Comes Around" has again proven true in the case of the NYSOGA Region 7 Director position.

For the past year I have enjoyed serving NYSOGA as treasurer when Don Hawkins was dealing with his wife's and then his own health issues. I agreed to hold the position for 1 year. During Rendezvous 2013 at Saturday's Annual Meeting of Guides, Jeff Whittemore was elected NYSOGA Treasurer. That freed me up to again be able to represent member guides in Region 7 as your director on the NYSOGA Board. For the past year, I have enjoyed serving as NYSOGA Treasurer and now look forward



Craig Tryon

to the Region 7 Director position.

As I sit here looking out the front window, Otisco Lake is still covered with a layer of ice. Very unusual for April 7th. With the warmer weather we are having, by the time you read this issue of Guidelines, the ice will be gone. If I wait until late afternoon, 4 to 6pm, I will be able to look out the backroom deck window and count 10 to 15 deer eating from the neighbor's 12 bird feeders. Also unusual for April 7th. For some reason the deer are sticking around the lake shore camps longer this year. Once summer camp residents begin coming out for their spring camp spruceup, the deer will "Head for the Hills," only to be seen again next winter.

April 1st trout opener brought snow and very cold weather. Nine Mile Creek fishermen had hats, gloves, and winter coats on for opening day. Catches have been slow with the cold water. We are starting to see turkeys in the farm fields and by May season opener should be in full strut courting the hens. Very

soon, Lake Ontario will be booming with the weather warming and getting the warmer water from the tributaries, beginning the spring brown trout fishery. Hurry up, warm weather!

Please know that you are free to contact me at any time with issues you feel need to be brought before the NYSOGA Board of Directors. Our next Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 8th at White Otter Fish and Game Club in Woodgate. The meeting starts at 10am sharp. Traveling north on State Route 28, turn left at the blinking light in Woodgate onto Hawkinsville Road. The Fish and Game Club is 1/2 mile on the left. Please join us if you can. My contact information is: Craig Tryon 2365 Olanco Road Marietta, NY 13110 (315) 427-8984 email- adkwld-exp@yahoo.com.

Remember to always "Fill your days with life, not your life with days." After a long, cold winter, get outside and enjoy spring.

REGION 8

By *Capt. Jim Morgan*

Greetings to all my fellow criminals (Safe Act), extremists and domestic terrorists.

Sorry but that's what most of our state and federal governments think of us who legally and constitutionally own firearms. And the liberal (progressive) media and elected officials keep feeding the American people this nonsense. But that's not all. Our



Jim Morgan

hunting, fishing and trapping heritage is under attack as well by the "political correctness police" under the same dangerous people named above. As I see it, this whole American democracy thing that's functioned very well for over 200 years is under attack in many areas. What was bad for generations is now good and what is good is now bad. "We the people" is now "we the few" and that's just what the government wants.

I couldn't make the Winter Rendezvous this year due to health problems my wife's mother was having. Between my Dad and her parents, it gets a little overwhelming at times. Then, after reading the newspaper and seeing

the evening news, you are ready to have an ulcer - or cocktail.

I had a successful show season, doing four shows. My first charter is April 14th; it looks to be a good season. I attended a DEC "State of the Lakes" meeting in Auburn for Region 7. I was interested mostly in Cayuga Lake as well as Seneca and Region 8. A good crowd was on hand and we learned that lamprey control will happen on both lakes this year. This has been long overdue as lamprey predation has been extreme on trout. DEC agreed that they should have treated the streams 4 years ago. No other report sent to me as usual. Everyone have a safe and successful season.

NYSOGA SUMMER RENDEZVOUS JULY 26-28, 2013

In an effort to boost interest and attendance for our annual Summer Rendezvous, Region 6 guides are offering a somewhat different event this year which will include a variety of activities, many suitable for families. It will also give attendees the option of tenting, RV camping or staying in a camping cottage. The event will be held at the Herkimer Diamond Mine KOA Campsite, located at Middleville, NY on the West Canada Creek about six miles north of Thruway exit 30. A number of tent sites, cabins and full hook-up RV sites, all in a common location at the campground, have been reserved for our use. This notice will give NYSOGA officers and directors advance opportunity for booking sites prior to notification to general membership via the April monthly electronic newsletter. The KOA campsite has restrooms, showers, a pool and restaurants on site. Daily activities suitable for families are offered by the campsite. The West Canada Creek offers excellent trout fishing, tubing and paddling. The nearby Herkimer Diamond Mine offers prospecting (fee) for unique, double-terminated quartz crystals, an activity suitable for all ages. Moss Island near Little Falls, a destination technical climbing venue, is located only a few miles away, as is the Mohawk River, which offers paddling and excellent bass and pike fishing. Several other tourist attractions, including the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, are located within an hour's drive. The KOA Campsite has been kind enough to set aside for us, until May 1, fifteen tent sites, three RV sites and four camping cabins. On May 1, we will be required to place a deposit on the sites that have been reserved along with any sites that we feel will eventually be used. If all sites upon which we have placed a deposit are used, late bookings may be made directly with the campsite on a space available basis. We will receive a 10% group discount on the following site fees (tax additional); camping cabins (sleep up to four with two night minimum peak season) \$77.00 per night for two people with extra adult \$3.00 and extra child \$2.00 per night, RV sites (full hook-up pull through) \$62.00 per night for two people with extra adult \$3.00 and extra child \$2.00 per night, tent sites (maximum of two tents per site) range from \$33.00 to \$45.00 per night for two people, depending on size and location of site, with extra adult \$3.00 and extra child \$2.00 per night.

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Tee shirt Rend. 2010 - Hamilton	black Med, Lg	\$7.00
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ADD 8% SALES TAX



The inimitable Ann McMahon has rejoined NYSOGA. (We wonder if that is her woods attire)



Peter Siscavich is a new director-at-large.



William Swiac, Reg. 3



Anne Twilley has returned as a director-at-large

Awards Presented at Rendezvous Banquet

By Craig Tryon

Bill Leslie is our 3rd Vice President. Behind the scenes, he works diligently to promote NYSOGA. Bill is one of our resident "Computer Guys." He chairs our Social Media/Cyber Access Committee. Through Bill's talents and constant efforts, NYSOGA is in the forefront on the World Wide Web. He recently developed and implemented the process to get NYSOGA on Facebook. This is a major step for our association to be recognized on the information highway. Through their diligent work for NYSOGA and members guides John and Bill have provided "Dedicated and Outstanding Service to NYSOGA."

Our Pack Basket Award is given to those who carry the load and consistently go above and beyond in their service to NYSOGA and fellow member guides. For 2013, NYSOGA honored Bruce Fuller for his diligent efforts to promote NYSOGA in the many programs he is involved in. Bruce serves NYSOGA as Region 4 Director and as our Membership Chair. He represents all NYSOGA guides in his region at board meetings. As Membership Committee chair, he constantly attempts to boost our membership. He tries new approaches and refines old ways to do this. Bruce also is our major representative at sportshows, staffing our booth at Edison, Springfield, and Suffern. He coordinates getting the booth from show to show and spends many hours driving to and from shows and staffing our booth. His dedication to ensure we are represented at these shows is never ending. In his many capacities serving NYSOGA,

Bruce has many times "Carried a Full Load for NYSOGA."

The Camp Lantern Award is presented to the guide who, through words, deeds or actions best exemplifies the true spirit of professional guiding and service to others. Alan Woodruff is one of our charter NYSOGA members and has served in countless capacities. Alan currently co-chairs the Advertising/Media Committee that promotes NYSOGA and professional guiding in NYS. For many years he has kept all NYSOGA members, select members of the media and government officials informed of our activities by editing, publishing, and mailing our Guidelines paper. Alan serves on many NYSOGA committees representing NYSOGA, its members and all guides in NYS by working with DEC on guiding issues as they come to light.

He yearly spends many hours delivering and staffing the sportshow booth as needed to shows in the Northeast and has served as NYSOGA president four times. Over the years Alan has surely shown he "Exemplifies the True Spirit of Professional Guiding" in all that he does for NYSOGA and professional guides throughout NYS.

Following our long standing tradition, A Friend of NYSOGA award was given to the Hyatt Place at Saratoga/Malta for hosting Winter Rendezvous 2013. We can all agree the Hyatt Place was an outstanding location for a Rendezvous. The meeting facilities, meals, and staff were exceptional. This location may be in contention for another future Winter Rendezvous.

Secretary's Summary

By Mary Hall

With Winter Rendezvous behind us, your Board of Directors has begun the new year charged with the energy you have all given us for the work ahead. We welcomed three new members to the BOD this year, one of which has been here before. Anne Twilley has rejoined the board after several years off to care for her Mom and we are so happy to have her back. We have also welcomed two new members to the board this year. Peter Siskavich and Bill Swiac have already shown us what assets they will be with lots of fresh ideas and enthusiasm. We and you will benefit from all of these new recruits.

The Board of Directors met on Sunday of Rendezvous weekend and passed a few items as we look forward to the new year. The main change was in a unanimous vote to change the name of the Kids to Camp committee. This committee will now be called the "Walter Boname/Mary Tryon Kids to Camp committee, honoring the memory of Walt and the dedication of Mary to this committee. Mary as you know creates the unique quilt each year used to raise SS for the Kids to Camp fund.

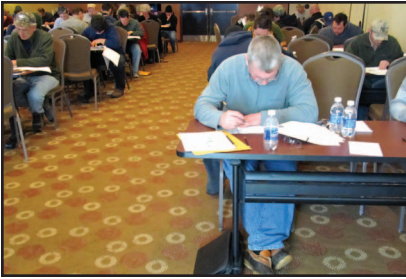
In other news from the Board...Summer and Winter Rendezvous committees and chairs have been selected. Summer Rendezvous 2013 will be sponsored by Jeff Whittemore, John Wainwright and Bill Leslie and the preliminary plans sound really great. More information will be available soon...watch the website. Winter Rendezvous 2014 will be hosted by Scott Locorini, Jeff Whittemore and John Wainwright.

The Board will continue to serve you by work done through the various committees. Look for more pro-deals from our outdoor relations committee, other opportunities for advertising through our Virtual Office committee which keeps everything else functioning, online sales from our Products committee, continuing educational opportunities from our Standards and Education committee, legislation reports from our Legislation committee, Facebook opportunities from our Social Network/Cyberspace committee, and other ongoing committee work. As always, we invite our members to join us at any Board of Director meetings. This is YOUR organization and we all need each other's input to make it the best it can be.

Virtual Office Chair Issues Reminder

Lynn Malerba, NYSOGA virtual office chair, and Lee Godin, membership information processor, encourage all members with a free business listing on the NYSOGA website to check it for accuracy. To do so, go to <http://www.nysoga.org/searchguides.html> to find your information. Then:

- Verify that the listing has been updated.
- Verify that all contact information is correct, especially your e-mail, phone number and (if applicable) your website URL.
- If corrections are necessary, please notify BOTH Lynn and Lee either by e-mail or phone so they can tend to such. Please be specific with the changes that must be made. Thank you.



A large group of future guides took the DEC exam.



Sheila Young is now the Region 5 Rep.



Aspiring guide Peter Swift beat out a bunch of veterans to tie for first place in the 'Hyker Kanooski' Guide Quiz with Jane Macintosh of Adirondack Life magazine.



Some spouses partook in a jewelry session done by Phyllis Whittemore. Rendezvous chairman Mike Kilcher is shown making sure it is done right.

For Sale

Northeast Wilderness Guide Service in Schroon Lake, NY.

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