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CULTIVATING COMMUNITY

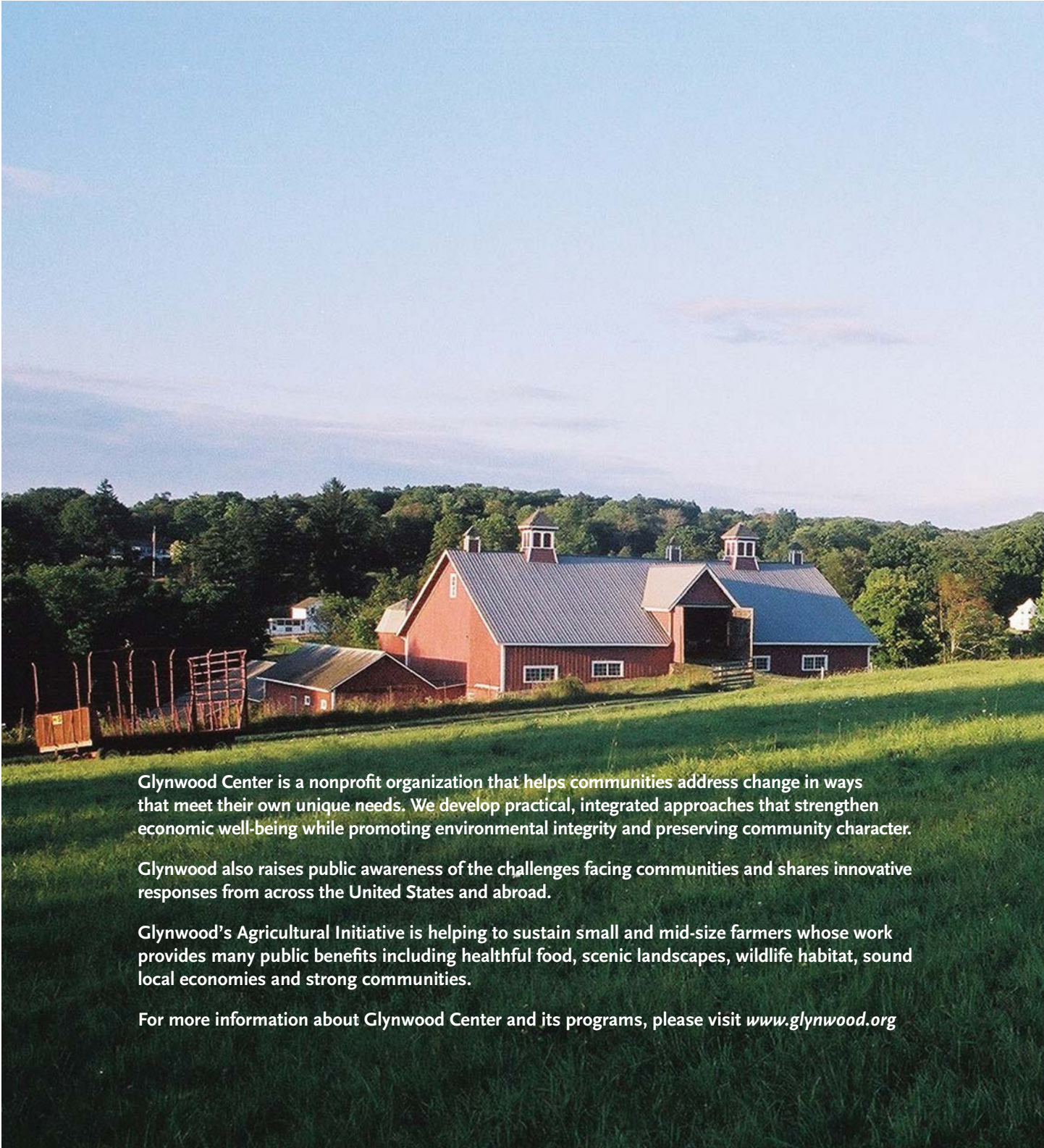


The Year in Review

2006



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Glynwood Center is a nonprofit organization that helps communities address change in ways that meet their own unique needs. We develop practical, integrated approaches that strengthen economic well-being while promoting environmental integrity and preserving community character.

Glynwood also raises public awareness of the challenges facing communities and shares innovative responses from across the United States and abroad.

Glynwood's Agricultural Initiative is helping to sustain small and mid-size farmers whose work provides many public benefits including healthful food, scenic landscapes, wildlife habitat, sound local economies and strong communities.

For more information about Glynwood Center and its programs, please visit www.glynwood.org



Farmers' Forum for
Keep Farming in
Clermont, Livingston
and Germantown



Dear Friends and Colleagues:

We hope that you enjoy this new version of Glynwood's Year in Review, which provides an overview of our work in a smaller, shorter format. More detailed information is available at www.glynwood.org.

This reflects our continuing effort to "regreen" our operations. Often, past decisions must be reconsidered in light of new materials and approaches. This is true whether it is reducing the use of paper, using environmentally sound cleaning agents, or exploring the possibility of installing a small hydroelectric generating facility.

Communities face the same challenge: change is the only constant. Because we believe that the most effective programs are built from the ground up, Glynwood helps each community strengthen its own capacity to identify critical issues, establish networks of leadership and develop strategies for the future.

Our focus on food and agriculture grew out of the recognition that communities want new, more effective ways to sustain local farmers and the economic, environmental and other benefits they provide. Our *Keep Farming* program responds to that demand.

The underlying question addressed by *Food: Food for Thought, Food for the Future*, the series of presentations and workshops begun in 2006, was: "Will America's legacy of independent farmers and fresh, regionally produced food be part of our future?"

The question suggests our desired answer. Our goal is to help make it happen. We hope that you will join us.

MESSAGE FROM THE
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NEW WORKSHOP SERIES INAUGURATED

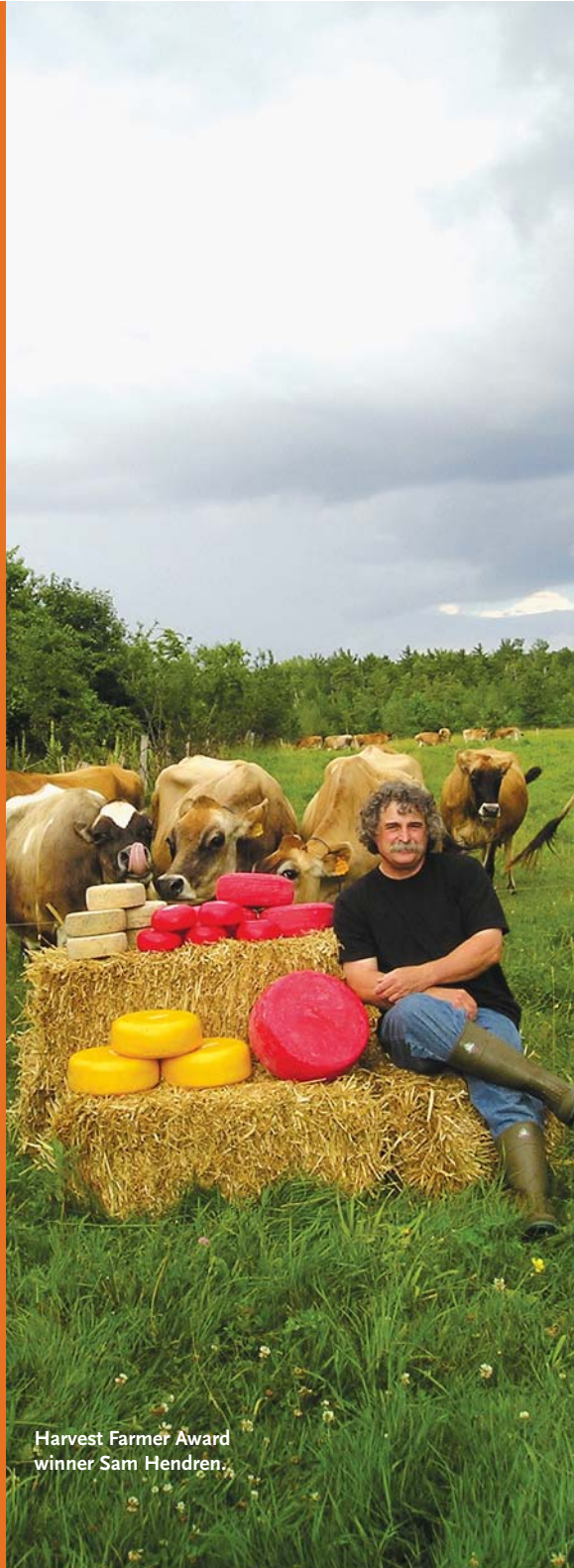
During 2006 Glynwood inaugurated *Food²: Food for Thought – Food for the Future*, a series of presentations and workshops designed to encourage collaboration among the farmers, local officials and others with whom we work, and to support our on-going effort to strengthen the regional food system. Extended excerpts from the sessions are available through our website, making this wealth of information accessible to colleagues across the country.

Chef Michel Nischan, a leader of the sustainable agriculture movement, kicked off the series with *“Eating for a Sustainable Planet.”* The workshops and featured presenters included:

- *Innovative Financial Techniques to Encourage Landowners to Keep their Land in Production.* Joan Snyder, owner of Hollow Road Farm and former Executive Director of Merrill Lynch International.
- *Go Grass! Emerging Opportunities for Grass-Based Production in the Hudson Valley.* Jo Robinson, author and one of the driving forces behind the “back to the pasture” movement.
- *Enhancing the Farmers’ Share: Marketing and Branding Techniques to Improve Profitability.* Erik Bruun Bindslev, US representative for HRH Prince of Wales’ Duchy Originals, and Mary Hendrickson, Ph.D., a national expert on corporate consolidation in the food system.



Erik Bruun Bindslev
at the Marketing
and Branding workshop.



Harvest Farmer Award winner Sam Hendren.

2006 GLYNWOOD HARVEST AWARDS

The Glynwood Harvest Awards highlight creative work from across the country that supports regional farmers and increases access to fresh, healthy food. Our goal is to inspire others to join this growing movement by taking action in their own communities. The remarkable variety of the 2006 Harvest Award winners, described in detail on our website, is a testament to the great progress being made.

- Glynwood Harvest Farmer Award:
Sam and Denise Hendren, Clover Mead Farm, Essex, NY
- Glynwood Harvest Good Neighbor Award:
The Culinary Institute of America, Hyde Park, NY
- Glynwood Harvest Award for Connecting Communities, Farmers and Food:
New Entry Sustainable Farming Project, Boston & Lowell, MA
- Glynwood Harvest Award for Working at the Intersection of Health and Local Food:
Kaiser Permanente Comprehensive Food Policy, Oakland, CA
- Glynwood Harvest Award for The Wave of the Future:
The Strolling of the Heifers, Brattleboro, VT

The winners were fêted at an Awards luncheon in New York City provided by Chefs Waldy Malouf, Michel Nischan, Bill Telepan, Jeff Raider and Bill Yosses, all great advocates of regional foods.



Brad Matthews and Paul Wigsten accepting the Harvest Award on behalf of the CIA.



Chuck Mead at the Mead orchard north of Red Hook.

Keep Farming™: Connecting Communities, Farmers and Food

Keep Farming™ is a unique community-building process that helps communities understand the many benefits that agriculture provides and then develop and implement strategies to sustain it. *Keep Farming* grew out of Glynwood's decade of community-based experience, including the Countryside Exchange.

During 2006, we took a major step toward our goal of building a network of communities throughout the Hudson Valley that are taking action to support agriculture. At the same time, we began laying the groundwork to expand the program to other regions of the country.

Chatham, New York, in Columbia County, is in the implementation phase. Several of the recommendations made by the *Keep Farming* teams in 2005, including having the Town Board appoint a Community Agricultural Partnership as an advisory body, have been implemented. Others are being incorporated into the Town's comprehensive plan.

As the result of an RFP process in late 2005, four new communities were selected to begin participating in the *Keep Farming* program in 2006: The Towns of Clermont, Livingston and Germantown in Columbia County and the Town of Red Hook in northern Dutchess County, just to the south. In addition to the basic program, these *Keep Farming* communities are creating a network for collaboration across municipal and county boundaries.

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ASSISTING FARMERS WITH DISASTER RELIEF

Several counties in New York were declared disaster areas after extreme rain and flooding in late June. Some farmers lost 80 to 90% of their crops; some lost virtually all of their top soil. Glynwood partnered with FarmAid to provide immediate disaster assistance. FarmAid made \$7,800 available for small grants that Glynwood distributed to NY farmers who needed food, clothing and other necessities of life. While the grants were small, they provided welcome assistance and a show of support for some of the farmers who were most severely impacted.

SHARING WHAT WE ARE LEARNING

Communities in many other regions are facing challenges similar to those in the Hudson Valley. An important part of our work is to share what we are learning. We do this through presentations at regional and national conferences and through publications including our *Gleanings* series and articles such as "Slaughterhouses and Sprawl", which originally appeared in The National Trust FORUM journal. Publications are available at www.glynwood.org.

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A training session in
Glynwood's conference room.



Taleah Fincke introduces members of the Dutch delegation to NYS apples at the Montgomery Place Orchards Farm Market in Annandale-on-Hudson.

Bi-Coastal Workshop with the Dutch Innovation Network

The Innovation Network is an independent organization established by the Dutch government to develop cutting edge solutions to pressing problems relating to agriculture, water and rural life. In 2005 the Network invited a Glynwood-led delegation to the Netherlands to explore innovation in rural areas.

This year our Dutch colleagues came to the US for a bi-coastal workshop we developed with our partner organization, the Great Valley Center in California. While the structure and scale of the farm operations in the two regions are very different, the farmers face many of the same challenges, including development pressure, low prices for their products and the cost and availability of labor. Public and private efforts to sustain farmers were examined in both regions. (See “New Perspectives on Innovation from the Netherlands”, *Gleanings*, Winter 2005, and “Rural Innovation Bi-Coastal Workshop”, available on our website.)



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GLYNWOOD - THE SITE



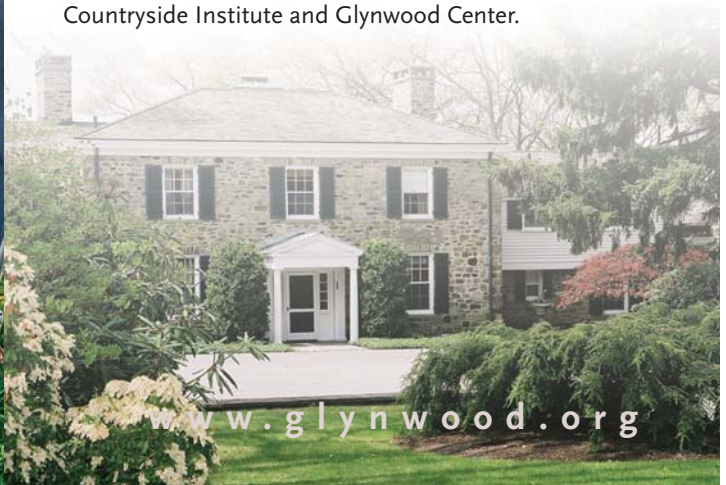
Ken Kleinpeter, Director
of Farm and Facilities

The Site

Colleagues and guests find Glynwood to be a setting in which they can step away from their busy schedules and be reflective and creative: *"I would gladly come to Glynwood again anytime! I had no idea such a magnificent landscape still existed so close to the City..... It almost felt spiritual there... truly a grounding experience."*

Glynwood's facility is available to other organizations that need a special place for a retreat, meeting or training session and are interested in enjoying regional food and learning about our farm and sustainable agriculture. For more information, please contact Isabel Lopatin at ilopatin@glynwood.org or (845) 265-3338 x126.

Glynwood Center is only 60 miles north of New York City, nestled on 225 acres of rolling woods and farmland. It lies within the Hubbard-Perkins Conservation Area, approximately 5,000 acres of land which has been preserved by the Open Space Institute and Open Space Conservancy, with funding from the Lila Acheson and deWitt Wallace Fund for the Hudson Highlands. Glynwood was converted to its current use through collaboration among OSI, the family of George W. Perkins, The Countryside Institute and Glynwood Center.





Farm and Garden

Glynwood's farm and gardens allow us to connect with and educate our guests and others in the community through the food we produce and the way we manage our landscape.

For example, this year many people were intrigued by our use of goats to help manage wild rose and other invasive species. The results were so encouraging that we plan to increase the herd for pasture reclamation.

The site also provides the focus for "hands on" training programs of interest both to farmers seeking to diversify their production and backyard gardeners. This year's sessions included caring for fruit trees and beekeeping.

The garden interns gained experience with vegetable and flower production as well as selling through the local farmers market and Glynwood's first Community Supported Agriculture program.



**Head Gardener
Nicole Mora and
Intern Megan
Reynolds with the
garden's bounty.**

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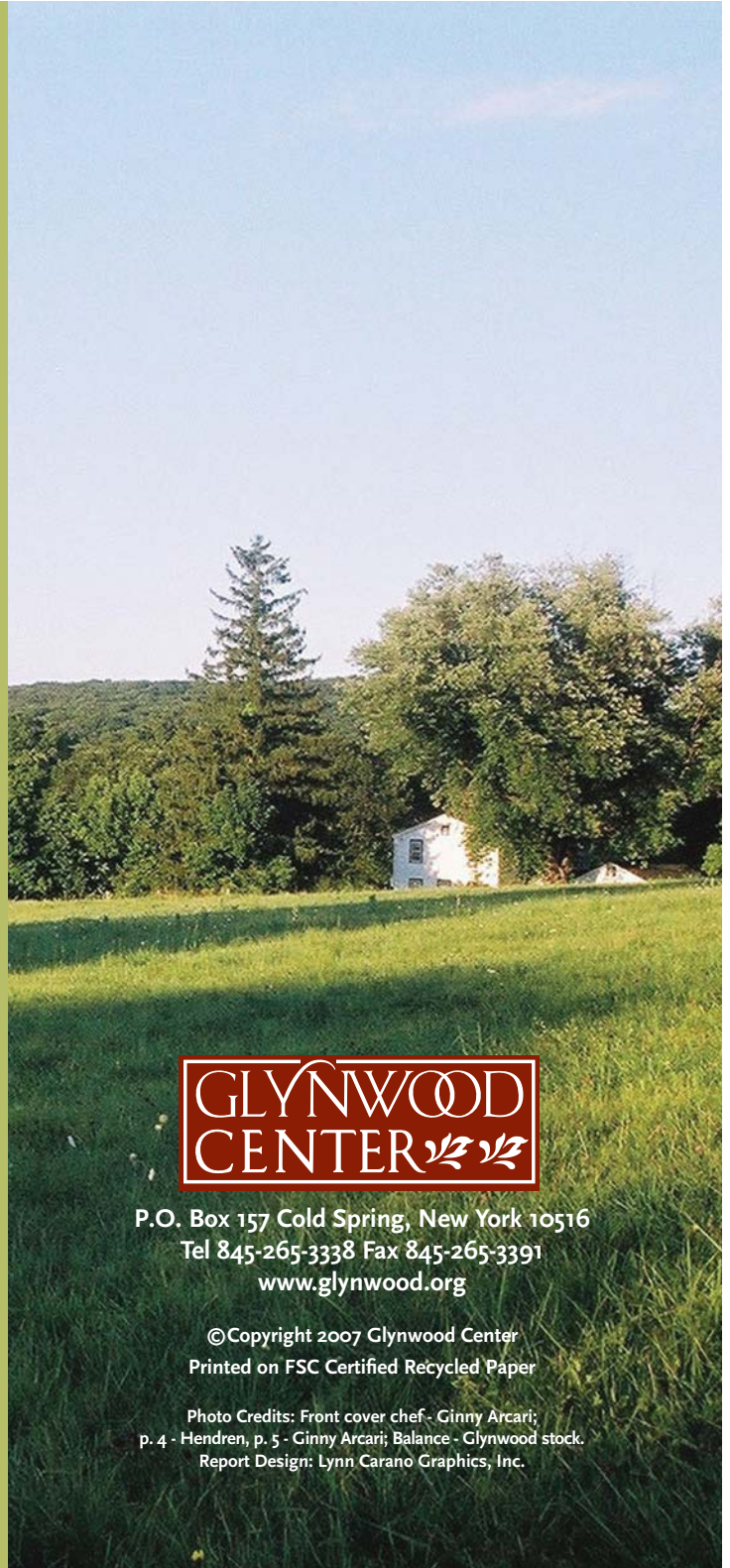
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