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John Muir hiking at Yosemite



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ANNUAL DINNER RE-SCHEDULED

Judith Enck, Policy Advisor to Attorney General Spitzer is featured speaker.

The Sierra Club Hudson Mohawk Group is honored to have Judith Enck speak at our annual awards dinner - now to be held on **Thursday, October 23rd**. The location is the same - at Petta's on 124 Duane Avenue in Schenectady. Refreshments/ open bar begin at 5:30 with dinner to follow at 6:15.

Judith is certainly no stranger to the Sierra Club and our efforts to protect the environment. She has spent 20 years working on our issues including 10 years as Senior Environmental Associate with the New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG) where she was a community organizer and lobbyist before the New York State Legislature. Previously, she was Executive Director of Environmental Advocates where she headed a statewide coalition of environmental groups - including the Sierra Club. Please come to hear Judith update us on the efforts she spearheads for Attorney General Spitzer including his valiant fight against the Bush Administration's thinly-veiled efforts to rollback the Clean Air Act. Get an update on the Attorney General's lawsuits against the midwest power plants using the threatened New Source Review provisions.

The cost is \$25 per adult, \$15 for children under 12. Call John or Peggy at 370-4932 to save your seat. **Send your checks to: Sierra Club, Hudson Mohawk Group, P.O. Box 8447, Albany, NY 12208.**

The Ongoing Saga of the Proposed Malta Chip Plant

The Malta Town Board continues the environmental review of the four semiconductor chip manufacturing plants which are part of the proposed Luther Forest Technology Campus. If approved, the plants which are spread over 1350 acres of forested land will have significant impacts on traffic, air quality and sprawl in Malta and surrounding communities. All residents of the Capital district need to understand how this project and the proposed water line from the Hudson River will affect you future and the future of your community. Come to one of the workshops in Malta. The next one will be at the Malta Town Hall, 6:00 PM, September 30. If you have questions you can call Supervisor Meager at 899-3434.

You can read about the review process and how the final decision will be made at <http://www.malta-town.org/LFTCnews.htm>. The Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement is also available on the Town's web site. This is a huge development with major consequences for the Capital District and particularly Saratoga County. The Saratoga Economic Development Corporation (SEDC), has already spent \$1.7 million promoting this project. Most of this money came from your tax dollars. Recently the SEDC has run out of money and is asking for another \$1million including \$250,000 from the Saratoga County IDA and \$575,000 from state officials.

Try to make one of the workshops and find out if this is how you want your tax dollars spent.

NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR EXEC.COMM.

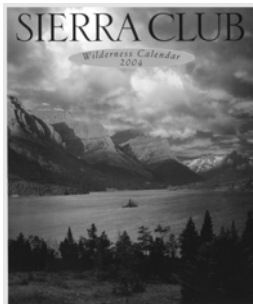
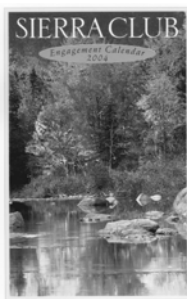
By mistake, the 2002 notice seeking nominations for the Group Executive Committee was provided to the editor for the September 2003 newsletter instead of the 2003 notice. The correct 2003 notice follows:

The terms of the following members of the Hudson-Mohawk Group Executive Committee expire at the end of December 2003: Maureen Ferraro-Davis, Clarence Gregory, Sue Lawrence, Jim Malatras, and John VanDeloo. The Group Bylaws require the Nominating Committee to place seven candidates, who must be group members, on the ballot - two more individuals than terms expiring.

Executive Committee members are expected to attend monthly meetings and to volunteer time to participate in the administration and/or conservation program of the Group. Please help the Nominating Committee by suggesting potential candidates, who may include yourself. Phone Nominating Committee Chair John Nemjo at 279-4777 or Committee members Bob Kerr at 869-1034 or write to: Nominating Committee, Sierra Club Hudson-Mohawk Group, P.O. Box 8447, Albany, N.Y. 12208-0447. **The deadline for nominations is October 13.**

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